

EXHIBIT 22

1 STATE OF ILLINOIS)
2 COUNTY OF COOK) SS:

3 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
4 COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CRIMINAL DIVISION

5 THE PEOPLE OF THE)
6 STATE OF ILLINOIS)

7 Plaintiff,)

8 vs.)

No. 00-CR-20601-01
00-CR-20601-02

9 XAVIER WALKER and)
10 JOVANIE LONG,)

11 Defendants.)

12 REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS of the Continued
13 Bench Trial had before the HONORABLE MARCUS R.
14 SALONE on the 19th day of February, 2004.

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21 MR. EDWIN A. BURNETTE,
22 Public Defender of Cook County, by:
23 MR. JOHN CONNIFF and MR. THOMAS BRICE,
24 Assistant Public Defenders,
appeared for the Defendant, Jovanie Long;

MR. GREGORY WILSON,
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1 THE CLERK: Xavier Walker. Jovanie Long.

2 THE COURT: All right. This is in the
3 matter of People vs. Jovanie Long and Xavier
4 Walker. We are still in the State's case.

5 Counsel, if you would kindly identify
6 yourselves?

7 MR. WILSON: For the record Gregory Wilson
8 appearing on behalf of the Defendant, Xavier
9 Walker, who is present.

10 MR. CONNIFF: John Conniff and Thomas Brice
11 from the Public Defender's Office for Jovanie
12 Long.

13 MS. RAVIN: Jennifer Ravin, Assistant
14 State's Attorney. And my partner is David
15 Coleman, also an Assistant State's Attorney.

16 THE COURT: Defense, are you ready?

17 MR. WILSON: Yes, Judge.

18 MR. CONNIFF: Yes, Judge

19 THE COURT: Please call your next witness,
20 State.

21 MS. RAVIN: Judge, we would be calling
22 Maurice Wright.

23 (Whereupon Maurice Wright was
24 first duly sworn.)

1 THE COURT: I'm going to ask you to keep
2 your voice up, okay?

3 MR. WRIGHT: Yep.

4 MAURICE WRIGHT,
5 called as a witness on behalf of the People of the
6 State of Illinois, having been first duly sworn,
7 was examined and testified as follows:

8 DIRECT EXAMINATION

9 BY

10 MS. RAVIN:

11 Q Could you please state your name, spell
12 both your first and last name for the Court?

13 A. Maurice Wright, M-a-u-r-i-c-e,
14 W-r-i-g-h-t.

15 Q Maurice, do you know somebody by the
16 name of the Jovanie Long?

17 A. Yes, I do.

18 Q Do you see him in court today?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q Can you please point to him and name
21 something he's wearing?

22 A. The brown D.O.C. (indicating).

23 Q Is he seated on the right side of the
24 table or the left side of the table?

1 A. On the left side.

2 MS. RAVIN: Would the record please reflect
3 an in-court identification of the Defendant,
4 Jovanie Long?

5 THE COURT: It shall.

6 MS. RAVIN:

7 Q Do you know somebody by the name of
8 Xavier Walker?

9 A. Yes, I do.

10 Q Do you see him in the courtroom today?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q Could you please point to him and name
13 something he's wearing?

14 A. The brown D.O.C. suit (indicating).

15 Q Which side of the table is he on?

16 A. Left side.

17 THE COURT: I'm sorry. He's on your left or
18 your right?

19 THE WITNESS: He's on my right.

20 THE COURT: Okay.

21 MS. RAVIN:

22 Q Is he seated next to the attorney
23 wearing the black suit with the red tie?

24 A. Yes, he is.

1 MS. RAVIN: Would the record please reflect
2 the in-court identification of the Defendant,
3 Xavier Walker?

4 THE COURT: It shall.

5 MS. RAVIN:

6 Q Does Jovanie Long have a nickname?

7 A. Nope.

8 Q Do you know Jovanie Long by any other
9 name other than Jovanie?

10 A. Nope.

11 Q Do you call him anything other than
12 Jovanie?

13 A. Nope.

14 Q Does Xavier Walker have a name other
15 than Xavier?

16 A. Nope.

17 Q Have you ever called him anything other
18 than Xavier?

19 A. Nope.

20 Q How long have you known Jovanie Long
21 for?

22 A. About two years.

23 Q You have known him for two years?

24 A. Two years.

1 Q Two years from today backwards?

2 A. About three years, three years.

3 Q So today being February 19, 2004, you
4 are saying you've only known him since February
5 19, 2001?

6 A. Well --

7 Q Is that what you're saying?

8 A. Yep, basically.

9 Q Back in May of 2000, did you know
10 Jovanie Long?

11 A. May of who?

12 Q May of 2000 did you know Jovanie Long?

13 A. Yes, I did.

14 Q So you have known him longer than two
15 or three years?

16 A. Longer than that. I've been locked up
17 so it might have been.

18 Q How long did you know him before May of
19 2000?

20 A. From 2000 to 2004, so that would be
21 what, five years?

22 THE COURT: Did you know him any time before
23 May of 2000?

24 THE WITNESS: No.

1 MS. RAVIN:

2 Q You just met him in May of 2000, that
3 was when you first met Jovanie Long?

4 A. Yeah, we been cool since then.

5 Q But only since May of 2000?

6 A. Yeah.

7 Q Okay. How about Xavier Walker?

8 A. Around the same time.

9 Q You met him right in May of 2000?

10 A. Yeah.

11 Q You didn't know him longer than that?

12 A. No.

13 Q Where were you living in May of 2000?

14 A. 4653 West Erie.

15 Q Who did you live there with?

16 A. My mother.

17 Q What's your mother's name?

18 A. Mary Curry.

19 Q Is that C-u-r-r-y?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q Where is your mother now?

22 A. She's in Georgia.

23 Q Is she healthy or is she sick?

24 A. She's sick.

1 Q What happened to her?

2 A. She had a couple of strokes.

3 Q Who does she live in Georgia with?

4 A. My sister.

5 Q Did anybody else live with you and your
6 mother, Mary Curry?

7 A. Just foster kids.

8 Q Did anybody named Deshontae (phonetic)
9 Wright ever stay there?

10 A. No. She hung around every now and
11 then.

12 Q Was she a relative of yours?

13 A. No, she wasn't.

14 Q Was she a play relative of yours?

15 A. No, she wasn't.

16 Q Did she call your mother anything?

17 A. Yeah. She had called her mom.

18 Q Did you know anybody named Jamaica?

19 A. Jamaica?

20 Q Who's Jamaica?

21 A. Oh, that's her sister.

22 Q When you were living back on 4653 West
23 Erie in the middle of May, like May 12, May 13,
24 2000, you were living at that address, right?

1 A. Yeah.

2 Q May 13th in the morning were you with
3 anybody?

4 A. In the morning? I was --

5 Q Like after midnight, the morning, like
6 1:00, 2:00 in the morning?

7 A. No. I had just left with another
8 friend.

9 Q Who was the friend you had left?

10 A. I was with this guy named Bubba.

11 Q And does Bubba have a real name?

12 A. I don't know his real name.

13 Q When you were with Bubba, what were you
14 doing with Bubba?

15 A. We was with another female.

16 Q What did you do with that female?

17 A. Basically we had a three-some.

18 Q And after you had the three-some, what
19 did you do?

20 A. Came to the house, I went to my house.

21 Q How did you get to your house?

22 A. He drove me over there.

23 Q Who is he?

24 A. Bubba.

1 Q When Bubba drove you to your house, was
2 anybody else there?

3 A. That's when I seen Jovanie and Zay.

4 Q And when you saw Jovanie and Zay, did
5 they come over to where you were?

6 A. Yeah. They was -- They came from
7 across the street in their house.

8 Q When they came from across the street,
9 where did they walk to?

10 A. Across the street to my house.

11 Q What part of your house were you at?

12 A. I was in front of the house.

13 Q When you saw Jovanie and Zay, what did
14 they do?

15 A. They was just telling me about how the
16 club was that night, you know, that they had just
17 left the club.

18 Q And when they told you that they had
19 left the club, did you say anything to them?

20 A. No. I asked them did they have a nice
21 time, did they meet some females.

22 Q Did they tell you what they did?

23 A. They told me they met a couple of girls
24 and they just came to the house after that.

1 Q What did you all do?

2 A. I think I had a cup of Tangaray and I
3 drunk it with them. Then after that we continued
4 talking. Then both of them went back across the
5 street in the house.

6 Q Did anybody sleep at your house that
7 night?

8 A. No, they did not.

9 Q Did you go anywhere from your house
10 that night?

11 A. No. I sat on the front porch.

12 Q You sat on the front porch for how
13 long?

14 A. At least about three or four hours.

15 Q By yourself?

16 A. Yeah.

17 Q When you say Zay who are you talking
18 about?

19 A. Huh?

20 Q Who are you talking about when you say
21 Zay?

22 A. Zay?

23 Q Yes.

24 A. That's Xavier right there (indicating).

1 THE COURT: I'm sorry. Zay is where?

2 MS. RAVIN: Zay, the witness has indicated,
3 Xavier Walker across the courtroom sitting at the
4 table.

5 Q After they left and you sat for three
6 or four hours on your front porch, what did you do
7 next?

8 A. I was on the porch smoking marijuana.

9 Q While you are smoking that marijuana,
10 where are is Zay and Jovanie?

11 A. They went in the house and went to
12 sleep then. They laid down.

13 Q At some point did they wake up?

14 A. I ain't seen them no more until like
15 probably like around 10:00 that morning.

16 Q When you saw them at 10:00 that
17 morning, where did you see them?

18 A. Coming out the house.

19 Q What house?

20 A. Across the street by my house.

21 Q Who lives across the street from your
22 house?

23 A. Jovanie do and his family.

24 Q Well, when -- How long had you lived in

1 your house at 5643 (sic)?

2 A. I wasn't staying there that long
3 because my mother, she was already staying there
4 and I had just had moved in with her so it was
5 like a couple of months.

6 Q You had been there a couple of months?

7 A. Yeah.

8 Q How long had your mother been there?

9 A. She was there like about -- about
10 eighteen months, fifteen months, something like
11 that.

12 Q You would visit her from time to time,
13 though, while she was living there during those
14 eighteen months, right?

15 A. Yeah. But eventually I moved in with
16 her.

17 Q But you did visit her over that period
18 of time, right?

19 A. Yeah. Yeah.

20 Q Well, after Jovanie and Zay woke up and
21 saw you at 10:00 that morning, where were you
22 talking with them?

23 A. I was talking to them across the street
24 from Jovanie Long's house.

1 Q So you left the porch?

2 A. When I was out -- When I seen them that
3 morning?

4 Q Yes.

5 A. Yes, I did.

6 Q Where did you go?

7 A. I went across the street where they
8 was.

9 Q When you went across the street where
10 they was -- where they were, what did you do?

11 A. We just started talking, talking about
12 what we going to do today.

13 Q And did they tell you anything else,
14 or you just talked about what the plans for the
15 day were?

16 A. We just talked about the plans, what we
17 was going to do today.

18 Q And then what happened?

19 A. Then later on that day we went
20 downstairs in my basement and drunk a couple of
21 drinks, smoked a little weed and that was that.

22 Q What were you doing in the basement?

23 A. Just kickin' it.

24 Q Playing any video games?

1 A. No. We were just listening to the
2 radio.

3 Q Okay. How long did you kick it?

4 A. For about -- We kick it like half of
5 the whole day, you know, probably about -- it was
6 about -- until about 3:00 in the afternoon.

7 Q After you are done kickin' it at 3:00,
8 what did you do?

9 A. Well, they go back across the street
10 and I be in my basement, you know.

11 Q They went back across the street at
12 what time?

13 A. Had to be like 4:00, 3:00, 3:30,
14 something like that.

15 Q When -- Did they leave together?

16 A. Yes, they did.

17 Q What did you do?

18 A. I just stayed in my basement enjoying
19 myself, drinking.

20 Q When is the next time you saw Jovanie?

21 A. I think later on that night.

22 Q When you saw him later on that night,
23 where did you see him?

24 A. Sitting on the front porch of his

1 house.

2 Q Whose front porch?

3 A. His family house.

4 Q Across the street?

5 A. Yeah.

6 Q What was he doing?

7 A. Sitting there. He got nieces and
8 nephews, so he be out there watching them. That's
9 the only time I see him standing out there.

10 Q How long was he out there?

11 A. I can't even tell you.

12 Q How long were you out there?

13 A. I stayed out there like about an hour
14 to two hours. Then I left. I went to my old
15 neighborhood.

16 Q Did you ever see Xavier Walker?

17 A. No.

18 Q When is the next time you saw Xavier
19 Walker after 10:00 that morning?

20 A. Next time I had seen him was like
21 yesterday -- the next day that afternoon, and I
22 think we was talking about some gym shoes, or
23 Timberlands that just came out or something like
24 that.

1 Q So the first time you saw them was
2 May 13th when they told you that they had gone and
3 seen some girls, right?

4 A. I don't remember the days, I mean the
5 exact day it was, like the 19th, I don't remember
6 that.

7 Q At some point later on in the month,
8 two weeks later, you ended up talking to the
9 police, right?

10 A. Right.

11 Q And when you went down to the police
12 station that was like May 27th, right?

13 A. I can't even tell you. I don't
14 remember.

15 Q But it was towards the end of the
16 month, right?

17 A. Right.

18 Q It was two weeks after you had seen
19 Xavier and Jovanie, or had you seen Jovanie during
20 that time?

21 A. I seen him that time.

22 Q Where had you seen him?

23 A. At his house.

24 Q When?

1 A. I don't remember. Like I said I don't
2 remember what day it was. But I seen him, though.

3 Q How many times did you see Jovanie
4 between May 13th and May 29th -- May 27th?

5 A. Basically for about the whole two
6 weeks.

7 Q How about Xavier Walker, when did you
8 see Xavier Walker?

9 A. I was seeing him every blue moon.

10 Q So when you say every blue moon, what
11 do you mean?

12 A. Like every other day, two days,
13 something like that, every two days, but later on
14 that afternoon.

15 Q At some point you saw Jovanie and
16 Xavier and Jovanie had money on him, right?

17 A. Yeah. The money that he had told me
18 that he had got from his mother.

19 Q Oh. And how much money did he tell you
20 that he had got from his mother?

21 A. I know it was like about a hundred to
22 two-hundred because like basically every other day
23 we go get gym shoes and outfits, you know, to put
24 on that weekend, or we go to the cleaners and get

1 some clothes out the cleaners.

2 Q So when his mother gave him that \$100
3 to \$200, was it in large bills?

4 A. I think I had seen some fives, and tens
5 and twenties.

6 Q It was all little dollars?

7 A. Yeah.

8 Q And he had one-hundred to two-hundred
9 of those little dollars?

10 A. I don't remember.

11 Q But it was from his mother, right?

12 A. Yeah.

13 THE COURT: Which Defendant is this?

14 MS. RAVIN:

15 Q Who did you see the money with?

16 A. Jovanie Long.

17 Q Well, at some point Jovanie Long told
18 you that he had gotten the money a different way,
19 didn't he?

20 A. No, he did not.

21 Q He never told you that he had got the
22 money a different way?

23 A. No, he did not.

24 Q At some point you had a conversation

1 with both Jovanie and Xavier and Xavier said "That
2 mother fucker just shot a mother fucker," didn't
3 he?

4 A. No, he did not. That's the lie that I
5 stated to the officers at Harrison and Kedzie for
6 the --

7 Q We'll get there. We'll get to that
8 part, okay?

9 At some point you have this
10 conversation -- You are saying Xavier never said
11 that?

12 A. No, he did not.

13 Q And you are saying that Xavier and
14 Jovanie never spent the night at your house?

15 A. No, they did not.

16 Q At some point when you had the
17 conversation at 10:00 in the morning with Xavier
18 and Jovanie, both of them were there, right?

19 A. Oh, outside?

20 Q Yes.

21 A. No. I think I seen -- I seen Jovanie
22 first. Then like a few minutes later I seen
23 Xavier Walker.

24 Q When you saw them a few minutes apart

1 they ended up together, didn't they?

2 A. Yeah, basically. You know, I seen them
3 across the street stand there, so yeah.

4 Q You had a conversation with Xavier,
5 didn't you?

6 A. Yeah.

7 Q And during that conversation with
8 Xavier, Xavier told you about somebody that had
9 gotten shot the night before, didn't he?

10 A. No, he did not. I stated that before
11 again I stated that I lied about this again.

12 Q We'll, get there. Remember how I
13 explained I was going to let you say what you
14 wanted to say, but I had to ask you certain
15 questions? Do you remember when I explained that
16 to you?

17 A. Yeah.

18 Q Okay. I'm just asking you the
19 questions I told you I had to ask.

20 Unless the Court is willing to declare
21 that he is a hostile witness and I can go at this
22 time through the particulars of which I believe
23 the witness has already stated is a lie and he is
24 going to say is a lie.

1 THE COURT: Counsel for Mr. Walker?

2 MR. WILSON: Judge, I don't know that I have
3 any objections to her treating this witness as a
4 hostile witness.

5 THE COURT: Counsel for Mr. Long?

6 MR. CONNIFF: Judge, I would object.
7 I don't think there's any showing on the record
8 that he is a hostile witness. He is answering the
9 questions. I think if the State has a statement
10 which they wanted to impeach him with, they can
11 lay the foundation to do that, but I don't think
12 he is a hostile witness.

13 MS. RAVIN: Let me clarify my request. What
14 I'm asking now is that I lay the foundation for
15 the prior inconsistent statements.

16 THE COURT: Go right ahead.

17 MS. RAVIN:

18 Q On May --

19 THE COURT: Neither party, as I understand,
20 has any objection to that, is that correct?

21 MR. WILSON: We have no such objections to
22 her laying the foundation.

23 THE COURT: Is that right, Mr. Conniff?

24 MR. CONNIFF: That's right, Judge.

1 THE COURT: Okay.

2 MS. RAVIN:

3 Q On May 27th you were at the police
4 station, correct?

5 A. Yes, I was.

6 Q I believe you stated that you were at
7 Harrison and Kedzie?

8 A. Yes, I was.

9 Q And you were talking to some police
10 detectives, right?

11 A. Yes, I was.

12 Q And while you were talking to some
13 police detectives they talked to you about a
14 murder that had happened or something that had
15 happened on Ohio Street, right?

16 A. Yes, they did.

17 Q And they asked you if you knew somebody
18 named Jovanie Long?

19 A. No, they did not.

20 Q They never asked you if you knew
21 Jovanie Long?

22 A. No, they did not.

23 Q Did they ask you if you knew Xavier
24 Walker?

1 A. No.

2 Q They never asked if you knew Xavier
3 Walker?

4 A. No, they did not.

5 Q They just picked you up and took you
6 down to the police station?

7 A. When they had came to my house, they
8 was unmarked clothes. I didn't know they was
9 officers. So when they came to my door, they did
10 not state they was officers, and when I opened my
11 door they tried to bum rush. So we had a little
12 tussle at the front door. So after that two of
13 their partners came from behind their house and
14 put me in handcuffs. Then they took me down to
15 the police station.

16 Q And they never told you why they were
17 taking you to the police station?

18 A. No, they did not.

19 Q And they never told you that they were
20 the police?

21 A. No, they did not. I thought it was for
22 drugs.

23 Q When they take you down to the police
24 station, where do they put you?

1 A. They take me downstairs to the holding
2 cell for like about an hour or two. Then they had
3 took me upstairs.

4 Q Okay. Well, when they took you
5 upstairs, they talked to you right?

6 A. Yes, they did.

7 Q When they talked to you they asked you
8 questions, right?

9 A. Yes, they did.

10 Q And you answered their questions,
11 right?

12 A. Yes, I did.

13 Q What did you talk to them about?

14 A. I kept on telling them I did not know
15 who had killed that person on Ohio. They kept
16 saying, yes, you do, yes, you do. Then they say
17 you a known drug dealer in the neighborhood, and
18 that's when they had said that, okay, if you don't
19 tell me something we're going to take the kids
20 from your mother. My mother got foster kids. So
21 during the time that they had went out the room I
22 had made up a lie on Jovanie Long and Xavier
23 Walker.

24 Q Well, who was it that told you that

1 they were going to go to your mother's house and
2 have her lose her foster kids?

3 A. It was two black officers.

4 Q Do you remember their names?

5 A. No, I do not.

6 Q There were, I believe, three white
7 detectives that were in the room earlier today
8 that you were in, correct?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q Was it any of those three white
11 detectives?

12 A. Yeah, I seen them.

13 Q Were any of those three detectives,
14 Detective Pietryla, P-i-e-t-r-y-l-a, Sergeant
15 Bryezniak, B-r-y-e-z-n-i-a-k, and Gang Specialist
16 Riordan, R-i-o-r-d-a-n, were any of those three
17 white detectives any of those people, the ones
18 that threatened you?

19 A. No, they was not.

20 Q Well, after these two black detectives
21 threatened you, where did they go?

22 A. They had stepped out of the room for
23 like an hour to a half an hour.

24 Q And how long had you been in the room

1 at this time?

2 A. Like twenty-four hours.

3 Q You already been there for a day and
4 nobody had talked to you?

5 A. They was running in and out, kept on
6 threatening me with little things, yeah, we know
7 you a drug dealer, we're going to take your
8 mother's foster kids so you got to come with
9 something. So that's when I stated a lie on
10 Jovanie Long and Xavier Walker.

11 Q This is throughout that whole
12 twenty-four hour period, these same two black
13 detectives are the ones that are threatening you
14 with this?

15 A. Yes, they did.

16 Q Nobody else, right?

17 A. No.

18 Q And nobody else came and talked to you
19 for that twenty-four hours, right?

20 A. No, they did not.

21 Q After that twenty-four hours you
22 decided that you were going to make up a lie,
23 right?

24 A. Yes, I did.

1 Q Well, when you made up that lie you
2 told that to detectives, right?

3 A. Yes, I did.

4 Q Did you tell it to those two black
5 detectives?

6 A. Yes, I did. I also told them the same
7 thing.

8 Q Did you also talk to another detective
9 named Tony Bryezniak?

10 A. I don't remember their names.

11 Q Did you talk to a white guy?

12 A. Yes, I did.

13 Q Have a little bit of a mustache?

14 A. I can't even tell you, but if you bring
15 him in I can point him out.

16 Q Was it one of the guys who was in the
17 room earlier today?

18 A. I talked -- As a matter of fact, I
19 talked to both of them, the one that had the
20 leather jacket on and the other one that had the
21 mustache.

22 Q Okay. When you talked to those
23 detectives, did you tell them something about
24 Jovanie Long and Xavier Walker?

1 A. Yes, I did.

2 Q But what you're saying today is what
3 you told them wasn't true, right?

4 A. Yes, I am.

5 Q But you did talk to them, correct?

6 A. Yes, I did.

7 Q And after you talked to them eventually
8 you talked to an Assistant State's Attorney,
9 right?

10 A. Yes. They told me that if I don't go
11 down here they will be coming to my house on a
12 regular basis, just coming up in there, around,
13 checking my house, so they took me to 26th earlier
14 that day or that morning.

15 Q Okay. Let me back up a little bit. I
16 understand at some point you went to 26th and
17 California, this building. But before you came to
18 this building, did you talk to a prosecutor,
19 somebody like me, but it was a male, his name was
20 Tom Mahoney, M-a-h-o-n-e-y?

21 A. I don't remember. I don't remember no
22 names.

23 Q You talked to a State's Attorney,
24 somebody who was a lawyer, right?

1 A. I guess.

2 Q Well, at some point somebody wrote down
3 what you told them, right?

4 A. Right.

5 Q The person that wrote that down, was it
6 a guy?

7 A. Yes, it was.

8 Q It was a white guy, right?

9 A. Yeah.

10 Q And he told you he was a State's
11 Attorney, didn't he, he had dark hair, round face?

12 A. I don't remember. I don't remember.

13 Q Well, when you talked to this Assistant
14 State's Attorney and he wrote down your statement
15 you then reviewed that statement with him,
16 correct?

17 A. Yes, I did.

18 Q And you signed every page, right?

19 A. Yes, I did.

20 Q An he signed every page, right?

21 A. Yes, he did.

22 Q Well, when you talked to him you told
23 him what your birthdate was, right?

24 A. Yes.

1 Q You told him your birthdate was
2 [REDACTED] correct?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q And you told him that you graduated
5 from Manley High School, correct?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q And you told him that you lived at 4653
8 West Erie, correct?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q And you told him about living with your
11 mother, Mary Curry, right?

12 A. Uh-huh.

13 Q And you told him at some point on the
14 weekend of May 11th you were at your house with
15 Jovanie Long, correct?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q And you told him at that time Jovanie
18 had a different name, didn't you?

19 A. No, I don't remember that.

20 Q Well, you told him that Jovanie Long
21 you sometimes called Vani, correct?

22 A. I don't remember that.

23 Q You said that there were two other
24 girls with you and Vani, Boss Hog, and Shakey,

1 correct, that's what you told the State's
2 Attorney, right?

3 A. Yeah.

4 Q And you were in the basement and it was
5 about 11:30 that night playing a 007 video game?

6 A. Yeah.

7 Q The State's Attorney wrote that down,
8 correct?

9 A. Right. Right.

10 Q And then you told the State's Attorney
11 that you had a conversation with Vani and you guys
12 had a whole conversation about shooting people,
13 right, about how you can earn stars, right?

14 A. I don't remember that.

15 Q Well, when you had this conversation
16 at some point you stopped playing the video games,
17 right? Well, you are playing the video games and
18 Jovanie Long is there, right?

19 A. Okay.

20 Q And you are talking about gang
21 membership, right?

22 A. I don't remember that.

23 Q Well, it says here "Maurice Wright
24 states that he is a New Breed gang member," you

1 told the State's Attorney that, didn't you?

2 A. Yeah.

3 Q And he wrote it down, didn't he?

4 A. Yeah.

5 Q It says "Maurice Wright states that
6 Vani is a member of the Imperial Insane Vicelords
7 and Shakey is a member of the Imperial Insane
8 Vicelords," he wrote that down and you told him
9 that, correct?

10 A. No.

11 Q You didn't tell him that?

12 A. No.

13 Q He wrote it down, though, didn't he?
14 You don't know?

15 THE COURT: You have to answer, sir.

16 THE WITNESS:

17 A. I don't remember him writing that down.

18 MS. RAVIN:

19 Q Okay. It says "Maurice Wright states
20 Exhibit A is a photo of Jovanie Long, or Vani, and
21 Exhibit B is a photo of Shakey," you identified
22 those photographs, didn't you?

23 A. No, I did not.

24 MS. RAVIN: Showing what I previously

1 tendered to Counsel People's Exhibit 18 and
2 People's Group Exhibit 19.

3 Q Showing you what's been previously
4 marked as People's Exhibit 18, for identification,
5 do you recognize this?

6 A. Yep, I do.

7 Q What is this?

8 A. That's a paper that I had signed for --
9 I think from the State's Attorney.

10 Q And this is the one where you signed
11 every page, right, it's seven pages long, correct?

12 A. Right.

13 Q And your signature appears on every
14 page, right?

15 A. Right.

16 Q Is that correct?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q When you signed all of those pages,
19 does this look exactly like it did when you signed
20 them? Go ahead and look through it.

21 A. Yeah.

22 Q All of the pages look exactly the same
23 as when you signed them, right, and have the
24 initials on them for corrections, right?

1 A. No. It was like two papers I signed,
2 but not that many.

3 Q You didn't sign all seven of these
4 pages?

5 A. No.

6 Q You just said you signed them and now
7 you are saying you didn't?

8 A. No. Because I'm counting the papers.
9 Man, I didn't sign all them papers.

10 Q Here is page seven, is that your
11 signature at the bottom of page seven?

12 A. Yeah.

13 Q Is that your signature on the middle of
14 page seven?

15 A. Yeah, but I don't write like that.

16 Q Well, it's either your signature and
17 you signed it, or it's not your signature and you
18 didn't sign it.

19 A. I don't write like that.

20 Q Okay. Sir, is it your signature?

21 A. Yeah, right there, but not up there.

22 Q That one is not?

23 A. No.

24 Q All right. Page six, is your signature

1 on page six?

2 A. Yes, it is.

3 Q Is your signature on page five?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q Is that your signature on page four?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q Is that your signature on page three?

8 A. This one don't look like my handwriting
9 right here.

10 Q So page three, that's not your
11 signature at the bottom?

12 A. No.

13 Q On page two is that your signature?

14 A. Yes, it is.

15 Q On page one is that your signature?

16 A. That don't look like my handwriting
17 either.

18 Q So page one, and page three and the
19 middle of page seven are not your signatures, but
20 two, four, six and the bottom of page seven are?

21 A. Basically.

22 Q Okay. Showing you People's Group
23 Exhibit No. 19, showing you People's 19-A, do you
24 recognize that photograph?

1 A. Yes, I do.

2 Q Was that a photograph that you
3 identified as part of this statement?

4 A. No.

5 Q You've never seen this photograph
6 before?

7 A. No.

8 Q Never?

9 A. Uh-uh.

10 Q Okay. People's Exhibit No. 19-B, do
11 you recognize this photograph?

12 A. Yeah.

13 Q Have you identified this photograph?

14 A. Yeah.

15 Q Who is this photograph of?

16 A. That's Shakey.

17 Q Who's in photograph 19-A, for
18 identification?

19 A. That's Jovanie Long.

20 Q Do you recognize People's Exhibit 19-C,
21 for identification?

22 A. No. When we was there I ain't -- I
23 ain't say anything about these pictures.

24 Q You never saw People's Exhibit --

1 A. No, I didn't say nothing about them
2 pictures when I was down at the police station.
3 They ain't bring no pictures up in there.

4 Q So People's Exhibit No. 19-C you never
5 seen before?

6 A. They just showed me that picture and
7 that picture of Bubba.

8 Q Who is Bubba, is that People's Exhibit
9 No. 19-D, for identification?

10 A. Yeah.

11 Q What about People's Exhibit 19-E, for
12 identification, they showed you that?

13 A. Yeah.

14 Q Who is that?

15 A. I forgot his name.

16 Q But they showed it to you at the time
17 and you identified it, right?

18 A. Right.

19 Q Showing you People's Exhibit No. 19-F,
20 for identification, is that a photograph?

21 A. Yeah.

22 Q Who is it a picture of?

23 A. That's me.

24 Q Is there a signature on that picture?

1 A. Yeah.

2 Q Whose signature is on that picture?

3 A. My signature.

4 Q You signed that picture?

5 A. No, I did not. That is not my writing.

6 Q Okay. I'm going to give you a copy of
7 that seven-page handwritten statement and we are
8 going to go through it together, okay?

9 THE COURT: Hold on a minute.

10 All right. Back on the record.

11 MS. RAVIN:

12 Q Why don't you go to page two, do you
13 see where the initials are on the left-hand side
14 of that page?

15 A. Uh-huh.

16 Q Do you see where it says "Maurice
17 states that Exhibit A is a photo of Jovanie Long
18 or Vani, and Exhibit B is a photo of Shakey,"
19 that's on page two, correct?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q Because that's what the State's
22 Attorney wrote down, correct?

23 A. Yeah.

24 Q Because that's what you told the

1 State's Attorney, correct?

2 A. No. I told him about Shakey. I ain't
3 say nothing about Jovanie.

4 Q Well, then it says "Maurice Wright
5 states that while they were playing video games
6 there was a conversation about how they used to
7 shoot at other groups and get stars," it says
8 that, correct?

9 A. Yes, it does.

10 Q Because the State's Attorney wrote this
11 down, correct?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q Because you told that to the State's
14 Attorney, correct?

15 A. Yes, I did.

16 Q Then it says "Maurice Wright states
17 that Vicelords get stars for killing other
18 people", correct?

19 A. No, I did not state that.

20 Q You didn't state that, but the State's
21 Attorney wrote that down, right?

22 A. Right.

23 Q Then I go -- Then go to the next page,
24 page three, it states "Maurice Wright states that

1 Shakey said he had all five of his stars,"
2 correct?

3 A. It says that but I also didn't say that
4 either.

5 Q But the State's Attorney wrote it,
6 right?

7 A. Yes, he did.

8 Q But you didn't say it, it was a lie,
9 right?

10 A. Yes, it was.

11 Q "Maurice Wright states that Vani said
12 he didn't have any stars," the State's Attorney
13 wrote that down, right?

14 A. Yes, he did.

15 Q You told that to the State's Attorney,
16 right?

17 A. No, I did not.

18 Q So that's a lie?

19 A. Yes, it is.

20 Q "Maurice Wright states that when Vani
21 said this every one started to laugh at Vani,"
22 that's written down, correct?

23 A. Yes, it is.

24 Q Because you told that to the State's

1 Attorney, right?

2 A. No, I did not.

3 Q So that's a lie?

4 A. Yes, it is.

5 Q Okay. "Maurice Wright states that this
6 made Vani mad and Vani said 'fuck you all,'"
7 that's what's written on the statement, right?

8 A. Yes, it is.

9 Q Because you told that to the State's
10 Attorney?

11 A. No, I did not.

12 Q So that's a lie?

13 A. Yes, it is.

14 Q "Maurice Wright states that he left the
15 house to go to Melvin's house to look for some
16 weed," correct?

17 A. Yeah, it says that but I ain't stated
18 that.

19 Q So the State's Attorney wrote that down
20 and that's also a lie?

21 A. Yes, it is.

22 Q "Maurice Wright states that Vani and
23 Trina stayed at his house all night," it says
24 that, right?

1 A. Yes, it does.

2 Q The State's Attorney wrote that, right?

3 A. Yes, it does.

4 Q Because you told that to the State's
5 Attorney, right?

6 A. No, I did not.

7 Q Why don't you look through the
8 statement, and why don't you point to the part
9 that you told the -- Why don't you tell me the
10 part where you actually told it to the State's
11 Attorney, it was a lie but you actually told that
12 to the State's Attorney?

13 A. No, I ain't tell him all of it, but
14 part of this -- Everything that I stated to the
15 State's Attorney is a lie, but certain things that
16 he put on here I did not say.

17 Q Okay. Well, did you tell him about
18 on -- that "Maurice Wright states that he left his
19 house on and off on May 12, 2000, and saw his
20 friend, Bubba, on Superior and Kilpatrick," did
21 you tell the State's Attorney that?

22 A. Yeah, I told him that.

23 Q Did you tell the State's Attorney
24 "Maurice Wright states that Bubba was driving a

1 gray Cutlass and there was a girl in the car"?

2 A. Yes, I did.

3 Q Did you tell them that they dropped
4 this girl off at Erie and Cicero and picked up
5 another girl at Erie and Cicero by a school?

6 A. No, I ain't say nothing about we
7 dropped off another girl.

8 Q So the part about dropping off the one
9 girl you did tell the State's Attorney, right?

10 A. I ain't say nothing about dropping off
11 no girl. We picked up a girl.

12 Q Did you then say that you drove to
13 Bubba's house just off Laramie?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q You told that to the State's Attorney,
16 right?

17 A. Yes, I did.

18 Q Going to page four, did you tell the
19 State's Attorney that you went into Bubba's house
20 and had sex with the girl?

21 A. Yes, I did.

22 Q Did you tell the State's Attorney that
23 after you finished having sex you told Bubba and
24 Bubba told you to wait in the car, did you tell

1 that to the State's Attorney?

2 A. Yes, I did.

3 Q Did you tell the State's Attorney that
4 you went back to the gray Cutlass?

5 A. Yes, I did.

6 Q Did you tell the State's Attorney that
7 when you were in the gray Cutlass it was about
8 1:00 or 2:00 in the morning on May 13, 2000?

9 A. Yes, I did.

10 Q Did you tell the State's Attorney that
11 Vani and Zay pulled up in a dark Taurus?

12 A. Yes, I did.

13 Q Did you tell the State's Attorney that
14 Zay said "This crazy mother fucker first shot --
15 just shot a mother fucker"?

16 A. Yeah, that was the statement that I
17 lied about.

18 Q But you did tell that to the State's
19 Attorney?

20 A. Yes, I did.

21 Q Did you tell the State's Attorney that
22 Vani pulled Zay out of the car?

23 A. Yes, I did.

24 Q Did you tell the State's Attorney that

1 Vani said, quote, "Guess what I got," unquote, and
2 Vani showed you a \$100 bill and two \$50 bills?

3 A. No.

4 Q You never told that to the State's
5 Attorney?

6 A. No, I did not.

7 Q So it's not just a lie, but you never,
8 ever said that?

9 A. No.

10 Q Did you tell the State's Attorney that
11 Vani asked you if you wanted any money, and you
12 told Vani that he would need the money to get out
13 of town?

14 A. No, I did not.

15 Q You never told that to the State's
16 Attorney?

17 A. No, I did not.

18 Q But the State's Attorney wrote that
19 down?

20 A. Yes, he did.

21 Q Did you tell the State's Attorney that
22 at that time Vani cried and hugged you?

23 A. No, I did not.

24 Q You never told that to the State's

1 Attorney?

2 A. No, ma'am.

3 Q But the State's Attorney wrote it down?

4 A. Yes, he did.

5 Q Did you tell the State's Attorney, page
6 five, that you, and Zay and Vani got into the
7 Taurus and drove to your house on Erie?

8 A. No, I did not.

9 Q You never told that to the State's
10 Attorney?

11 A. No, I did not.

12 Q But he, in fact, wrote that down?

13 A. Yes, he did.

14 Q Did you tell the State's Attorney that
15 Vani and Zay stayed at your house and you walked
16 from your house to Cicero and Ohio where you saw
17 the police and saw blood on the sidewalk?

18 A. No.

19 Q You never told that to the State's
20 Attorney?

21 A. No, I did not.

22 Q But the State's Attorney wrote that
23 down?

24 A. Yes, he did.

1 Q Did you tell the State's Attorney that
2 you walked back home and went into the house and
3 walked in the house with Vani and Zay?

4 A. No.

5 Q You never told that to the State's
6 Attorney?

7 A. No, I did not.

8 Q But he wrote that down?

9 A. Yes, he did.

10 Q Did you tell the State's Attorney that
11 you all then went to go to sleep?

12 A. No, I did not.

13 Q So the State's Attorney wrote that
14 down, right?

15 A. Yes, he did.

16 Q Did you state that Vani and Zay woke
17 you up at about 11:00 in the morning on May 13,
18 2000?

19 A. Yeah, I told him that.

20 Q And he wrote it down, right?

21 A. Yes, he did.

22 Q Did you tell him that Vani told you
23 that he threw the gun down on the railroad tracks
24 by Chicago Avenue?

1 A. No, he did not.

2 Q Vani never told you that?

3 A. No, he did not.

4 Q Did you tell the State's Attorney that
5 Vani told you that?

6 A. Yes, I did.

7 Q And the State's Attorney wrote that
8 down, right?

9 A. Yes, he did.

10 Q Did you tell the State's Attorney that
11 Vani told him Zay was with him when he threw the
12 gun on the tracks?

13 A. No, I did not.

14 Q You did not tell the State's Attorney
15 that?

16 A. No, I did not.

17 Q Did you tell the State's Attorney that
18 Vani told you about the shooting of the white guy
19 early in the morning of May 13, 2000?

20 A. No.

21 Q You never told that to the State's
22 Attorney?

23 A. No, I did not.

24 Q But he wrote that down, didn't he?

1 A. Yes, he did.

2 Q Maurice Wright, you told the State's
3 Attorney that Vani said that the white guy pulled
4 in a van and asked for blows, correct?

5 A. No, I did not say that.

6 Q You did not say that, but the State's
7 Attorney wrote it down?

8 A. Yes, he did.

9 Q Going to page six, after where it says
10 "blows," you explained to the State's Attorney
11 that blows is a street term for heroin, right?

12 A. Yes, I did.

13 Q And he wrote that down, right?

14 A. Yes, he did.

15 Q Then it says "Maurice Wright states
16 that Vani told him that Vani grabbed money out of
17 the white guy's hand," you told that to the
18 State's Attorney?

19 A. No, I did not.

20 Q You never told that to the State's
21 Attorney?

22 A. No, I did not.

23 Q But he wrote that down?

24 A. Yes, he did.

1 Q "Maurice Wright states Vani" -- Strike
2 that.

3 You told the State's Attorney that Vani
4 told you the white guy -- that Vani told the white
5 guy "fuck you, vic," and that's in quotes, that's
6 what you told the State's Attorney?

7 A. No, I did not.

8 Q That's what the State's Attorney wrote
9 down, right?

10 A. Yes, he did.

11 Q You told the State's Attorney that Vani
12 told you the white guy got out of the van and
13 swung on Vani, correct?

14 A. No.

15 Q You never told that to the State's
16 Attorney?

17 A. No, I did not.

18 Q But that's what the State's Attorney
19 wrote, correct?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q You told the State's Attorney that Vani
22 told you he punched the white guy and knocked him
23 down, right?

24 A. No, I did not.

1 Q You never told that to the State's
2 Attorney?

3 A. No, ma'am.

4 Q But he wrote that down, didn't he?

5 A. Yes, he did.

6 Q You told the State's Attorney that Vani
7 told you that he pulled out a .45 automatic pistol
8 and that the guy -- and shot the guy once in the
9 head, right?

10 A. No, he did not.

11 Q Vani never told you that?

12 A. No, he did not.

13 Q But you told that to the State's
14 Attorney?

15 A. No, I did not.

16 Q So the State's Attorney wrote that
17 down, right?

18 A. Yes, he did.

19 Q Okay. You told the State's Attorney
20 that Zay was present for the this entire
21 conversation that you had with Jovanie Long?

22 A. No.

23 Q You never said that to the State's
24 Attorney?

1 A. No, I did not.

2 Q But the State's Attorney wrote it down,
3 right?

4 A. Yes, he did.

5 Q The State's Attorney then showed you
6 Exhibit C, right, that was one of the pictures I
7 showed you earlier, right?

8 A. I don't remember. I don't even
9 remember.

10 Q People's Exhibit No. 19-C, for
11 identification, that's Exhibit C, isn't it?

12 A. Oh, yeah.

13 Q He showed you that, didn't he?

14 A. No, he did not.

15 Q He never showed you that?

16 A. No, he did not.

17 Q Do you know who is in Exhibit C?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q Who?

20 A. Xavier.

21 Q He wrote down that Exhibit C is a photo
22 of Zay, correct?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q After that he asked you how you had

1 been treated by the police ans by himself,
2 correct?

3 A. Yeah.

4 Q And what did you tell him?

5 A. I ain't tell him nothing. I was quiet.

6 Q You didn't say anything?

7 A. No, I did not.

8 Q Did he write down that you had been
9 treated well by the police and by Assistant
10 State's Attorney Mahoney?

11 A. That's what it says.

12 Q He wrote that down, right?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q But you never said that?

15 A. No, I did not.

16 Q Did you tell the State's Attorney that
17 you smoked cigarettes?

18 A. Yes, I did.

19 Q Did you tell the State's Attorney that
20 you had been given food to eat and pop to drink?

21 A. No.

22 Q You never told him that?

23 A. No.

24 Q Did he write it down?

1 A. Yes, he did.

2 Q Did you talk to the State's Attorney
3 about whether or not anybody had promised you
4 anything in return for the statement?

5 A. Right.

6 Q You talked to him about that, right?

7 A. Yeah.

8 Q And you told him that nobody had
9 promised you anything for the statement, right?

10 A. Right.

11 Q He asked you if you were giving the
12 statement voluntarily, correct?

13 A. Right.

14 Q And you told him that you were giving
15 the statement voluntarily, correct?

16 A. Right.

17 Q You said that nobody threatened you or
18 abused you in any way, correct?

19 A. Right.

20 Q That's what you told the State's
21 Attorney --

22 A. That was just to get up out of there.

23 Q That's what you told him, right?

24 A. That's what I told him.

1 Q And that's what he wrote down, right?

2 A. Right.

3 Q But you didn't have any marks on you?

4 A. Yes, I did.

5 Q You had marks on you?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q Where were they?

8 A. On my face.

9 Q Where were the marks?

10 A. Below my lip, around my eye. When I
11 left up out of there, I had a mark around my eye
12 and below my lip.

13 Q And all of that was before you gave the
14 statement, right?

15 A. Yes, it was.

16 Q And you could see these marks on you,
17 right?

18 A. Yes, you can.

19 Q Then there is a signature -- Well, then
20 you talk about that you weren't under the
21 influence of any drugs or alcohol, right? You
22 told the State's Attorney that you weren't under
23 the influence of any drugs or alcohol, right?

24 A. Right.

1 Q And he wrote that down, right?

2 A. Right.

3 Q After he wrote that down you talked
4 about Exhibits D and E, correct?

5 A. I don't know what D and E is.

6 Q Okay. Showing you People's Exhibit
7 No. 19-D, for identification, that's Exhibit D,
8 isn't it?

9 A. Okay.

10 Q And he showed you that, didn't he?

11 A. Right.

12 Q And you identified it?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q Who did you identify it as?

15 A. Bubba.

16 Q Showing you People's Exhibit No. 19-E,
17 for identification, is that marked as Exhibit E?

18 A. Yeah.

19 Q And he showed you that, didn't he?

20 A. Yes, he did.

21 Q And who did you identify it as?

22 A. I forgot his name.

23 Q But you identified who it was, right?

24 A. Yeah.

1 Q And after you identified Exhibit E as
2 Boss Hog, you then went through the whole
3 statement with the State's Attorney, right?

4 A. Right.

5 Q You went through the first page and you
6 were allowed to make any corrections, correct?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q And you went through the second page
9 and you were allowed to make any corrections,
10 right?

11 A. Well, he read it all to me and he read
12 certain things 'cause I really don't know how to
13 read so good, so I was just signing papers really.

14 Q You don't know how to read so good?

15 A. No, I do not.

16 Q Well, you told the State's Attorney
17 that you had gone to Manley High School, right?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q And you told him you graduated from
20 Manley High School?

21 A. Yes, I did.

22 Q So you graduated from Manley High
23 School and you don't know how to read?

24 A. I was just out there smoking a lot of

1 PCP so that really had messed me up.

2 Q So what you are telling the Judge today
3 is you don't know how to read?

4 A. Not that good.

5 Q But you graduated from high school,
6 right?

7 A. Yes, I did.

8 Q And you signed the bottom of most of
9 these pages, but not all of them, right?

10 A. Yes, I did.

11 Q And your initials appear on page two,
12 right?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q And your initials appear on page three,
15 right?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q And your initials appear on page four,
18 correct?

19 A. I don't see my initial on here.

20 Q If you go three-quarters of the way
21 down the page, do you see your initials?

22 A. Yeah, I see Maurice Wright -- Okay, now
23 I see them.

24 Q Okay. Going to page five do you see

1 your initials on page five?

2 A. Yes, I do.

3 Q Do you see any initials on page six?

4 A. No, I don't see them.

5 Q Because there weren't any, right?

6 A. Right.

7 Q On the bottom of page seven there is
8 another paragraph and that paragraph talks about
9 how you read through the statement with the
10 State's Attorney, correct?

11 A. Yes, it does.

12 Q Because when the State's Attorney went
13 through the statement with you, you read part of
14 it out loud to him, didn't you?

15 A. Certain things that I could read.

16 Q So you read parts of it to him, but not
17 all of it?

18 A. Right.

19 Q But you signed after the part where it
20 says that you reviewed this statement and that you
21 signed each page with A.S.A. Mahoney and Detective
22 Bryezniak, it says that, correct?

23 A. Like I said I didn't sign all these
24 pages, but I know my handwriting.

1 Q But you did sign that bottom paragraph,
2 right?

3 A. Yes, I did.

4 Q You also testified earlier that you
5 came down to this building at 26th and
6 California --

7 May I just have one moment, Judge?

8 THE COURT: Sure.

9 MS. RAVIN:

10 Q That was on May 30th, the police
11 brought you down to this building, right?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q Okay. And when you came down to this
14 building you talked to a prosecutor, right?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q It was a male prosecutor, right? It
17 wasn't a female? I mean you know the difference
18 between a boy and a girl, right?

19 A. Right, but I'm saying I don't remember
20 that day.

21 Q Well, earlier today you testified that
22 they brought you down to the building, didn't you?

23 A. Yeah, they brought me down to the
24 building. It was a male. It was a male.

1 Q I didn't ask you that, you volunteered
2 that, didn't you?

3 A. It was a male.

4 Q When you talked to that male he told
5 you he was a State's Attorney, didn't he?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q And he asked you questions, right, yes
8 or no?

9 A. Yes, he did.

10 Q And you gave answers, right?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q And when you gave those answers you
13 were in front of a lot of people, correct?

14 A. Like about seven people, something like
15 that.

16 Q In a room very similar to this -- You
17 were in a room somewhat similar to the room you
18 were in now, correct?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q And there were a bunch of people in
21 front of you looking at you, correct?

22 A. Right.

23 Q And in that room there was a flag just
24 like there is a flag here today right?

1 A. Right.

2 Q And you raised your right hand just
3 like you did today, correct?

4 A. Right.

5 Q And you swore to take an oath, right?

6 A. Yeah.

7 Q And when you took that oath you then
8 answered questions, correct?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q You did give those answers, right?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q Well, when you talked to Luke Sheridan
13 you told him -- he asked you what your name was,
14 right?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q And you told him your name was Maurice
17 Wright, correct?

18 A. Right.

19 Q He asked you how old are you and you
20 answered "I am twenty.", correct?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q He asked you what your date of birth
23 was and you said [REDACTED]

24 A. Yes.

1 Q He asked you "Where do you live?", and
2 you answered "4653 West Erie.", correct?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q He asked you "Who do you live there
5 with?, and you answered "My mother and my -- My
6 mother and sister.", correct?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q He asked you what your mother's name
9 was and you answered "Mary Curry.", correct?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q And he said "And, Maurice, did you
12 graduate high school?", and you said "Yes."?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q He asked you "What high school was
15 that?", and you said "Manley.", correct?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q He then asked you "I'm going to direct
18 your attention to the early morning hours of May
19 13, the year 2000, and I am going to ask you
20 specifically sometime between 1:30 and 2:00, were
21 you sitting in a car outside of a friend of yours,
22 Bubba's house?", and your answer was "Yes.", were
23 you asked that question and did you give that
24 answer?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q Were you asked this question, "And as
3 you were sitting in that car, did anybody drive up
4 to you?", and did you give the answer "Yes.", were
5 you asked that question --

6 A. I don't remember that question.
7 I don't think so.

8 Q Okay. Were you asked the question "And
9 at that time that the vehicle drove up, did you
10 know who was in the car?", and did you answer
11 "No."?

12 A. I did not answer that question asked.

13 Q Were you asked this question, "Did
14 anyone get out of the car and approach you?", and
15 you said "Yes."?

16 A. No.

17 Q You were not asked that question and
18 you did not give that answer?

19 A. No.

20 Q Were you asked the question "Did you
21 see who that was?", and did you give the answer
22 "Yes."?

23 A. No.

24 Q When you were sitting in this room and

1 you were being asked some questions, there was a
2 woman taking down or a man taking down everything
3 that you said, right?

4 A. Right.

5 Q Much like the lady is here in front of
6 you (indicating), right?

7 A. Right.

8 Q And she was typing down the questions
9 and the answers, correct?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q Were you asked this question, "Who was
12 it?", and did you give this answer, "Zay.", Z-a-y,
13 were you asked that question and did you give that
14 answer?

15 A. Yes, I did give that answer.

16 Q Were you asked this question: "Are you
17 referring to Xavier?", and did you give this
18 answer, "Yes."?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q Were you asked this question, "Do you
21 know Xavier's last name?", and did you give this
22 answer, "No."?

23 A. I don't remember.

24 Q Were you asked this question, "Do you

1 know his last name to be Walker?", and did you
2 give this answer, "I am not sure."?

3 A. I also don't remember that one either.

4 Q Were you asked this question, "You are
5 not sure?", and did you give this answer,
6 "Right."?

7 A. I don't remember. I do not remember.

8 Q You don't remember giving that answer
9 to that question?

10 A. No.

11 Q Were you asked this question, "When Zay
12 approached you was he alone or was anyone with
13 him?", and your answer was "He was with Jovanie."?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q Were you asked this question and did
16 you give this answer, "And, Jovanie, do you know
17 Jovanie's last name?", and the answer "No."?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q Were you asked this question, "And does
20 Jovanie go by any other nicknames?", and did you
21 give this answer, "G-Man."?

22 A. I don't remember that.

23 Q Were you asked this question, "Do you
24 ever call him Vani?", and did you give this

1 answer, "Yes."?

2 A. Yeah, yeah.

3 Q Were you asked this question, "So Vani
4 would be a nickname of his?", and did you give
5 this answer, "Yes."?

6 A. I don't remember.

7 Q Were you asked this question, "When Zay
8 came up to your car, did he open the car or how
9 did he talk to you?", and did you give this
10 answer, "He opened the car and woke me up and said
11 'This crazy mother fucker just shot a mother
12 fucker.'"?

13 A. I don't remember saying that.

14 Q Were you asked that question?

15 A. I don't remember.

16 Q Were you asked this question, "Was he
17 pointing to anybody when he said that?", and did
18 you give this answer, "Yes."?

19 A. I also don't remember.

20 Q Were you asked this question, "Do you
21 know who he was referring to when he said that?",
22 did you give this answer, "That's when Vani had
23 pulled him up and said 'Let me holler at my
24 man.'"?

1 A. No, I don't remember that.

2 Q Were you asked this question, "So Zay
3 came up to you and started talking to you?", and
4 did you give this answer, "Yes.", were you asked
5 that question and did you give that answer?

6 A. I do not remember that.

7 Q Were you asked this question, "When Zay
8 said 'This crazy mother fucker just shot a mother
9 fucker,' what did Vani do?", and did you give this
10 answer, "Pulled him up out of the car.", were you
11 asked that question and did you give that answer?

12 A. I don't remember that.

13 Q Were you asked this question, "Out of
14 what?", and did you give this answer, "The car."?

15 A. Say that again.

16 Q Were you asked this question, "Out of
17 what?", and did you give this answer, "The car."?

18 A. I don't remember that one either.

19 Q Were you asked this question, "Out of
20 the car that you were in?", and did you give this
21 answer, "Yes."?

22 A. Out of the car that we was in?

23 Q Yes.

24 A. No, I don't remember that.

1 Q Were you asked this question, "What did
2 Vani do after he did that?", and did you give this
3 answer, "He said he showed me the money and showed
4 me a hundred and two fifties."?

5 A. No, I don't remember that.

6 Q I'm sorry. You do you have speak up,
7 sir.

8 A. No, I don't remember that.

9 Q Were you asked this question, "Vani did
10 that?", and did you give this answer, "Yes."?

11 A. No.

12 Q No, you weren't asked that question and
13 you didn't give that answer?

14 A. I don't think I was asked that
15 question.

16 Q Were you asked this question, "Did Vani
17 say anything when he showed you that?", and did
18 you give this answer, "He said 'Do you want some
19 money? I said, no, you need that shit to get out
20 of town.'", were you asked that question and did
21 you give that answer?

22 A. I did not give that answer.

23 Q Were you asked that question?

24 A. I don't remember.

1 Q Were you asked this question, "Why did
2 you say that?", and did you give this answer,
3 "Because Zay had told me he had already shot a
4 person."?

5 A. No, they didn't ask me that question.

6 Q And you didn't give that answer either?

7 A. No, I did not.

8 Q Were you asked this question, "After
9 Vani and Zay came up to you while you were in the
10 Cutlass, did you eventually leave with Vani and
11 Zay?", and did you give the answer "Yes."?

12 A. No, I don't remember that.

13 THE COURT: Keep your voice up, sir.

14 THE WITNESS:

15 A. I do not remember that one.

16 MS. RAVIN:

17 Q Were you asked this, "And where did you
18 and Vani and Zay go to?", and did you give this
19 answer, "To my house."?

20 A. No, I don't remember that one.

21 Q Were you asked this question, "After
22 getting to your house, did you walk around the
23 area?", did you give this answer, "Yes."?

24 A. No.

1 Q Were you asked this question, "And did
2 you walk around the area?", and did you give this
3 answer, "Yes, I walked from Erie to Central to
4 Ohio."?

5 A. No, I did not.

6 Q Were you asked this question, "Did you
7 see anything unusual when you were walking around
8 the area?", and did you give this answer, "I seen
9 the police out there and I seen some blood on the
10 ground."?

11 A. No, I did not go around that corner.

12 Q I understand that. The Court
13 understands that. Everybody at the table
14 understands that. Did you get asked that question
15 and did you give that answer?

16 A. No.

17 Q Were you asked this question, "Where
18 did you see the police?", and did you give this
19 answer, "On the right-hand side."?

20 A. No, I do not remember that one either.

21 Q Were you asked this question, "Of what
22 street?", and did you give this answer, "Ohio."?

23 A. No.

24 Q Were you asked this question, "What

1 were you thinking when you saw the police and the
2 blood there?", did you give this answer, "That is
3 when I believed that Jovanie was telling the
4 truth."?

5 A. No, ma'am.

6 Q Were you asked this question, "Now,
7 when you walked around the area, did you then go
8 back to your house?", and did you give this
9 answer, "Yes."?

10 A. No, ma'am.

11 Q Were you asked this question, "And did
12 you fall asleep then?", and did you give this
13 answer, "Yes."?

14 A. No, ma'am.

15 Q Were you asked this question, "The next
16 morning or later on that morning, did you have an
17 opportunity to wake up?", and you answered "They
18 woke me up."?

19 A. No.

20 Q Were you asked this question, "Who woke
21 you up when you say 'they'?", and did you give
22 this answer, "Vani woke me up."?

23 A. No.

24 Q Were you asked this question, "Was

1 anyone with Vani when he woke you up?", and did
2 you give this answer, "Zay."?

3 A. No, ma'am.

4 Q Were you asked this question, "Where do
5 you sleep at your house?", and did you give this
6 answer, "In the back room and they slept in the
7 front that night."?

8 A. No, ma'am.

9 Q Were you asked this question, "Was
10 anyone else in your room when Vani and Zay woke
11 you up?", did you give this answer, "No, there
12 wasn't."?

13 A. I ain't say nothing.

14 Q Were you asked this question, "When
15 Vani and Zay woke you up, did you have a
16 conversation with both of those guys?", and did
17 you give this answer, "Just Vani had told me that
18 we had to walk down the train station and we threw
19 the gun towards Chicago Avenue."?

20 A. No.

21 Q Were you asked this question, "When
22 Vani was telling you, was Zay present, as well?",
23 and did you give this answer, "Yes."?

24 A. No.

1 Q Were you asked this question, "Was he
2 saying anything?", and did you give this answer,
3 "No."?

4 A. I don't remember that. I don't
5 remember that one.

6 Q Were you asked this question, "What was
7 he doing?", and did you give the answer "Like he
8 was stuck."?

9 A. No, I don't remember that one either,
10 ma'am.

11 Q Were you asked this question, "What was
12 he doing" -- Let me back up.

13 Were you asked this question, "Was he
14 saying anything?", and did you give the answer,
15 "No," meaning was Zay saying anything when he was
16 present when you were talking to Jovanie?

17 A. I don't remember that day.

18 Q Were you asked this question, "What was
19 he doing?", and did you give this answer, "Like he
20 was stuck."?

21 A. Like I said I don't remember that day.
22 I don't remember that.

23 Q Were you then asked the question,
24 "Stuck?", and did you give the answer, "Like he

1 was just still, like he couldn't say nothing out
2 of his mouth."?

3 A. I don't remember saying that.

4 Q Were you asked this question, "When
5 Vani said that they had walked down the railroad
6 tracks, he said something about walking down the
7 railroad tracks?", did you give this answer,
8 "Yes."?

9 A. No.

10 Q Were you asked this question, "What did
11 he say?", and did you give this answer, "He said
12 he threw the gun towards Chicago Avenue."?

13 A. No.

14 Q Were you asked this question "And did
15 Vani say who he was with when he did this?", and
16 did you give this answer, "He said him and Zay was
17 together."?

18 A. No, ma'am.

19 Q Were you asked this question, "Did Vani
20 tell you anything more as he related about the
21 incident the night before, the shooting?", and did
22 you give this answer, "Yes."?

23 A. No, ma'am.

24 Q Were you asked this question, "What did

1 Vani tell you?", and did you give this answer, "He
2 told me that him and the white person, they was
3 struggling over the money and the white person had
4 got out the driver's side of his car and hit
5 Vani.", did you answer that question?

6 A. No, ma'am.

7 Q Were you asked this question, "Did Vani
8 say anything about what he did after the white guy
9 hit him?", and did you give this answer, "He
10 struck him back."?

11 A. No, ma'am.

12 Q Were you asked this question, "And what
13 did Vani tell you next?", did you give this
14 answer, "Then he said the person had fell on the
15 ground and that's when he pulled out the .45."?

16 A. No, ma'am.

17 Q Were you asked this question, "That is
18 when who did that?", did you give this answer,
19 "Vani pulled out the .45 and shot him in the
20 head."?

21 A. No, ma'am.

22 Q Were you asked this question, "Did he
23 say why he shot the white guy in the head?", and
24 did you give this answer, "No."?

1 A. No, I don't remember that.

2 Q Were you asked this question, "Did he
3 say what he was doing in the first place with the
4 white guy, why he was with the white guy in the
5 first place?", and did you give this answer, "The
6 white person wanted some blows and heroin."?

7 A. No, ma'am.

8 Q Were you asked this question, "What was
9 Vani going to do when the white guy asked for the
10 blows?", and the answer was "Take the money."?

11 A. No, ma'am.

12 Q Were you asked this question, "Did Vani
13 tell you anything about that?", and did you give
14 this answer, "No."?

15 A. No, I don't remember that.

16 Q Were you asked this question, "He just
17 told you what happened afterwards?", and you gave
18 the answer "Yes.", did you give that answer in
19 response to that question?

20 A. No, ma'am.

21 Q Were you asked this question, "After
22 you had this conversation with Vani, at which
23 point Zay was also present, did those guys leave
24 your house?", and did you give this answer, "Zay

1 went one way and Vani went the other way. They
2 had went to go get a pack of some heroin."?

3 A. No, ma'am.

4 Q Were you asked this question, "Have you
5 seen Vani or Zay since you talked to them after
6 they woke you up that morning?", and did you give
7 the answer, "No."?

8 A. I don't remember that.

9 Q Were you asked the question about
10 whether or not "you had the chance to speak with
11 an Assistant State's Attorney previously before
12 coming down and talking to me," meaning the male
13 State's Attorney, "is that correct?", and did you
14 give the answer, "Yes."?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q Were you asked the question "While you
17 were at the police station?", and did you give the
18 answer "Yes."?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q And were you asked the question, "And
21 that statement was written down in writing, is
22 that correct?", and you gave the answer "Yes."?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q Were you asked the question, "And you

1 could read and write English, is that correct?",
2 and you gave the answer "Yes.", true?

3 A. True.

4 Q You were asked the question "I am going
5 to show you what's been marked as People's Exhibit
6 No. 1, for identification, do you recognize this
7 document?", and you answered "Yes.", is that true?

8 A. I don't remember that.

9 Q Were you asked the question, "And what
10 do you recognize it to be?", and you answered, "To
11 be when I was at the police station around 11:30
12 and they was writing it down.", were you asked
13 that question and did you give that answer?

14 A. No, I did not give that answer.

15 Q Were you asked this question, "This is
16 the statement that they wrote down?", did you give
17 this answer, "Yes."?

18 A. No, I don't remember that either.

19 Q Were you asked this question, "Does the
20 statement appear to be in the same condition as it
21 was when it was written down?", and did you give
22 the answer, "Yes."?

23 A. No, I don't remember that, ma'am.

24 Q Were you asked the question, "Does your

1 signature appear at the bottom of each page?", and
2 did you answer "Yes."?

3 A. The ones that I seen at the time and I
4 was like yes.

5 Q That was the question you were asked
6 and was that the answer you gave?

7 A. Yes. To certain papers I seen.

8 Q Sir, my question is very specific.
9 Were you asked this question, "On each page does
10 your signature appear?", and did you give the
11 answer, "Yes."?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q Were you asked the question, "While you
14 were at the police station, did anyone threaten
15 you or promise you anything in return for this
16 statement that was given?", and did you give the
17 answer "No."?

18 A. I ain't say nothing. I did not say
19 nothing.

20 Q You never answered that question?

21 A. No, I did not.

22 Q But that question was asked of you?

23 A. No.

24 Q The question was never asked?

1 A. No.

2 Q Were you asked this question, "And how
3 did the police and State's Attorneys treat you
4 while you were at the police station?", did you
5 give this answer, "They fed me good. I kept
6 cigarettes."?

7 A. No.

8 Q You weren't asked that question and you
9 did you give that answer?

10 A. No, I did not.

11 Q Were you asked this question, "Now, you
12 came down here this morning, is that correct?",
13 and you gave the answer, "Right.", were you asked
14 that question and did you give that answer?

15 A. Say that again.

16 Q "Now, you came down here this morning,
17 is that correct?," and the answer, "Right."?

18 A. Yeah.

19 Q "Question. And you had an opportunity
20 to meet with me before you came here and testified
21 before the Grand Jury, is that correct? Answer.
22 Yes.", were you asked that question and did you
23 give that answer?

24 A. Yes.

1 Q "Did I introduce myself to you as a
2 lawyer and State's Attorney but not your lawyer?
3 Answer. Yes.", were you asked that question and
4 did you give that answer?

5 A. I don't recall that one.

6 Q "Question. And did I explain to you
7 what a State's Attorney did? Answer. Yes.", were
8 you asked that question and did you give that
9 answer?

10 A. I also don't recall that one either.

11 Q "Question. Since you have been down
12 here today, how have you been treated? Answer.
13 Fairly.", were you asked that question and did you
14 give that answer?

15 A. I did not give that answer.

16 Q Were you asked that question?

17 A. No, I did not. No, I wasn't.

18 Q "Question. Has anyone threatened you
19 or promised you anything in return for your
20 testimony before the ladies and gentlemen of the
21 Grand Jury? Answer. No.", were you asked that
22 question and did you give that answer?

23 A. Yes, I had gave that answer.

24 Q "Question. Are you under the influence

1 of any drugs or alcohol? Answer. No.", were you
2 asked that question and did you give that answer?

3 A. No, I don't remember that question.

4 No, no, ma'am.

5 Q "Question, were you under the influence
6 of any drugs or alcohol at the time that you gave
7 your statement at the police station? Answer.
8 No.", were you asked that question and did you
9 give that answer?

10 A. No, ma'am.

11 Q Maurice, you said that you have been
12 incarcerated, what are you incarcerated for?

13 A. Aggravated battery.

14 Q Aggravated battery to who?

15 A. Police officer.

16 Q And you are serving time in the
17 Illinois Department of Corrections for that,
18 right?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q You said earlier that you got
21 threatened by these black detectives so you made
22 up a lie on Jovanie Long and Xavier Walker, right?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q What was the lie you made up on them?

1 A. Basically half of this statement that's
2 on this paper right here (indicating).

3 Q Okay. Well, tell me what it was that
4 you lied about.

5 A. Well, it was about the -- I told the
6 officers that that day that Jovanie Long and
7 Xavier Walker had a gun and they had shot
8 somebody. That's what I told them.

9 Q Okay. Well, all the stuff that you
10 just said you never told the State's Attorneys in
11 the handwritten statement?

12 A. No, I told the police that.

13 Q You told the police that, but you never
14 told the State's Attorney that?

15 A. No.

16 Q Okay. So you lied to the police but
17 you didn't lie to either of the State's Attorneys,
18 right, that's what you are telling the Judge,
19 correct?

20 A. I only remember saying half of the
21 things that they had told me.

22 Q Because all the things that are typed
23 in the Grand Jury testimony are the stuff that you
24 said isn't true, right, and you don't remember,

1 right?

2 A. Right.

3 Q So you don't remember saying anything
4 about Jovanie Long and Xavier Walker to any of the
5 State's Attorneys, right?

6 A. Some semblance of that.

7 Q "Semblance," is that the word you're
8 saying?

9 A. Yeah.

10 Q You saw this earlier, I believe it was
11 People's Exhibit 19-F, for identification, and you
12 said that was a picture of you, right?

13 A. Yeah.

14 Q And that's not your signature you said,
15 right?

16 A. I do not write like that.

17 Q Who took that picture of you?

18 A. I don't even know when that occurred.

19 Q You have no idea when they took that
20 picture?

21 A. No, I do not.

22 Q Well, you were there for the picture,
23 right?

24 A. Yeah, I was there but I don't remember

1 the day, the time or nothing.

2 Q That's a Polaroid photograph, right?

3 A. Yeah.

4 Q You know what a Polaroid photograph is,
5 right?

6 A. Yeah.

7 Q What is it?

8 A. It's when a picture come out of the
9 camera.

10 Q They take the picture and the picture
11 comes out instantaneously, right?

12 A. Yeah. Yeah.

13 Q They don't have to go and get it
14 developed, right?

15 A. No.

16 Q By the way, there's no marks on you on
17 that picture, right?

18 A. This picture -- Oh, I know that
19 picture.

20 Q So you do know when it was taken.

21 A. I know that picture is old.

22 Q Why is it old?

23 A. Because when I had a permanent in my
24 hair it was like around '98.

1 Q So this picture is from 1998?

2 A. Yeah.

3 Q Do you know when in 1998?

4 A. No, I do not.

5 MS. RAVIN: I have no further questions,
6 Judge.

7 THE COURT: Okay. We're going to break for
8 lunch. We'll be down for an hour.

9 (Whereupon a lunch recess was
10 taken in the proceedings.)

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12 (Whereupon the lunch recess
13 having concluded, the following
14 proceedings were held, to-wit:)

15 THE COURT: Back on Long and Walker.

16 Mr. Wright, you remain under oath to
17 tell the truth, okay?

18 THE WITNESS: Okay.

19 THE COURT: Cross?

20 MR. CONNIFF: Thank you, Judge.

21

22 CROSS EXAMINATION

23 BY

24 MR. CONNIFF:

1 Q Mr. Wright, you were home when you got
2 arrested?

3 A. Yes, I was.

4 Q And about what time of day was it?

5 A. I think it was like 11:00 in the
6 morning.

7 THE COURT: Keep your voice up.

8 THE WITNESS:

9 A. 11:00 in the morning.

10 MR. CONNIFF:

11 Q And that was on May 27th of 2000?

12 A. I don't remember what date it was.

13 Q But it was -- Whatever day it was it
14 was about 11:00 in the morning?

15 A. Yeah.

16 Q And when you were arrested did the
17 police ask you if you wanted to go to Area #4 with
18 them?

19 A. No, they did not.

20 Q Did they give you any choice about
21 going to Area #4?

22 A. I did not know that they was police
23 officers.

24 Q But they physically put you into a car

1 and took you to Area #4?

2 A. Yes, they did.

3 Q And when you got to Area #4 they put
4 you in an interview room?

5 A. They put me downstairs in the holding
6 cell first, then they took me -- like later on
7 that day they took me upstairs to the other area.

8 Q All right. And at the time that you
9 were at Area #4, did you believe that you were
10 free to leave Area #4 and go home if you wanted
11 to?

12 A. Yes, I was.

13 Q You believed that you could walk out of
14 Area #4 at any time and the police wouldn't stop
15 you?

16 A. I thought I was 'cause I thought they
17 had just bumrushed my house for some drugs or
18 something.

19 Q When you say you thought you was, what
20 are you referring to, what did you think?

21 A. Well, they ain't find no drugs and I
22 was just going to leave a few hours from now.

23 Q But you were in a holding cell?

24 A. Yes.

1 Q All right. And you couldn't leave
2 then?

3 A. Right.

4 Q After they took you out of the holding
5 cell, did you go to an interview room?

6 A. Yes, I did.

7 Q And did you spend the night at Area #4
8 that night?

9 A. Yes, I did.

10 Q And was that in a holding cell or was
11 it in an interview room?

12 A. It was an interview room.

13 Q Inside the interview room could you
14 describe -- How did you spend the night there,
15 were you on a chair, a bench?

16 A. On three chairs.

17 Q Was there anyone in there with you?

18 A. No, it wasn't.

19 Q When you spent that night there, you
20 didn't go home that night?

21 A. No, I did not.

22 Q And did they tell you that night that
23 you could go home?

24 A. No, they did not.

1 Q And all of that day after they arrested
2 you at 11:00 and kept you at Area #4, detectives
3 were coming in and out of the room?

4 A. Yes, they was.

5 Q Talking to you?

6 A. Yes, they was.

7 Q And indicating to you that they thought
8 that you had knowledge about this murder?

9 A. Yes, they did.

10 Q And that you weren't telling them the
11 truth?

12 A. I kept on telling them that I ain't
13 know who done it.

14 THE COURT: Rephrase your question.

15 THE WITNESS:

16 A. I kept on telling the officers that --
17 They kept on asking me --

18 MS. RAVIN: I ask this be stricken. There's
19 no question pending.

20 THE COURT: All right.

21

22 MR. CONNIFF:

23 Q Mr. Wright, when you went into Area #4
24 after you were taken to Area #4 by the detectives,

1 did you tell them the same thing you told the
2 Judge today about what you had been doing on May
3 the 12th and May the 13th of the year 2000?

4 A. No. They did not come right out with
5 that.

6 Q All right. But did you ever tell the
7 detectives that you were -- that you were home on
8 May the 13th, the night of May the 13th and that
9 Jovanie Long and Xavier Walker had come over, but
10 did not spend the night there?

11 A. No, I did not.

12 Q All right. Now, the next day did you
13 spend that day at Area #4?

14 A. Yes, I did.

15 Q And were you in an interview room or in
16 a holding cell?

17 A. Interview room.

18 Q And did you spend all of the next day
19 at Area #4?

20 A. Yes, I did.

21 Q Now, backtracking to the previous day,
22 the day that you were brought down to Area #4, you
23 didn't sign that handwritten statement on that
24 day, did you?

1 A. No, I did not.

2 Q And you didn't sign a handwritten
3 statement on the next day, did you?

4 A. No.

5 Q So you were held the second day all day
6 at Area #4?

7 A. Yes, I was.

8 MS. RAVIN: Objection as to the form of the
9 question.

10 THE COURT: I think -- Go ahead.

11 MR. CONNIFF:

12 Q You were taken into custody one day at
13 about 11:00, right?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q And you spent all of that day and you
16 spent the night there, right?

17 A. Yes.

18 MS. RAVIN: Objection to the form of the
19 question. I know Counsel keeps asking about
20 arrested and in custody, but the witness testified
21 that he thought he was free to go.

22 THE COURT: Read back the question.

23 (Whereupon the record was read
24 back as follows:

1 "Question. You were taken into
2 custody one day at about 11:00,
3 right?

4 Answer. Yes.

5 Question. And you spent all of
6 that day and you spent the
7 night there, right?

8 Answer. Yes.")

9 THE COURT: Rephrase your question.

10 MR. CONNIFF:

11 Q You don't remember what date that was
12 you were taken into custody, right?

13 THE COURT: That's the objection.

14 MS. RAVIN: Objection, Judge.

15 MR. CONNIFF:

16 Q Well, you indicated -- Eventually you
17 found out that the people who physically took you
18 from your home were police officers, correct?

19 A. Yes, I did.

20 Q And you didn't leave your home and go
21 to Area #4 with your consent, did you?

22 A. No, I did not.

23 Q All right. So -- And the day that the
24 police officers took you without your consent to

1 Area #4 at about 11:00 a.m. you spent all of that
2 day at Area #4, correct?

3 A. Yes, I did.

4 Q And you spent that night at Area #4,
5 correct?

6 A. Yes, I did.

7 Q You did not sign any statement which
8 had been prepared by a State's Attorney on that
9 day, did you?

10 A. No, I did not.

11 Q The next day, the second day at Area
12 #4, you were in custody at Area #4 all day long,
13 weren't you?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q All right. Did you make any attempt to
16 leave to go home on that day?

17 A. I don't think so. I don't remember.

18 Q Well, let me ask you a question. When
19 you were in the police station at Area #4, did you
20 think that you could walk out of police station
21 and go home?

22 A. Yeah. After a few hours, yes.

23 MS. RAVIN: Objection. Asked and answered.

24 THE COURT: Asked and answered. It is about

1 the -- He said it again for the fourth time, "See,
2 because I'm a drug dealer and they didn't have any
3 drugs so I could leave."

4 MR. CONNIFF: I understand, Judge.

5 Q All right. So you were there all day
6 the second day, right?

7 A. Yes, I was.

8 Q And you were all -- And at the end of
9 the second day you didn't sign any statement
10 prepared by a State's Attorney that night, did
11 you, you didn't, did you?

12 A. No, I did not.

13 Q And you spent that night at Area #4
14 also, didn't you?

15 A. I think I stayed there seventy-two
16 hours, yes, I did.

17 Q And the day after that you woke up that
18 day at Area #4 also, didn't you, you did, didn't
19 you, the next day?

20 A. I don't remember.

21 Q All right. You didn't sign anything
22 that the State's Attorney handed you on the first
23 night, correct?

24 A. No, I did not.

1 Q You didn't sign anything the State's
2 Attorney handed you on the second night, correct?

3 A. No.

4 Q And, finally, at 10:30 at night on the
5 third night you signed this Petitioner's --
6 People's Exhibit 18, right?

7 A. I did not sign all the papers.

8 Q Parts of it?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q But it was on the third night at about
11 10:30 at night that this document or the pages of
12 this document were handed for to you sign,
13 correct?

14 A. Yes, sir.

15 Q At any time during the three days that
16 you were at Area #4 before People's Exhibit 18 was
17 presented to you, did any of the detectives
18 indicate to you that you might be charged with
19 this murder?

20 A. Yes, they did.

21 Q At any time while you were at Area #4,
22 did the detectives indicate to you that they were
23 going to talk to your mother?

24 A. No, sir.

1 Q Did they ever indicate to you that they
2 were going to talk to the other family members
3 that you indicated lived with you at that address?

4 A. No, they did not.

5 MR. CONNIFF: Judge, may I have a moment?

6 THE COURT: Sure.

7 MR. CONNIFF:

8 Q Now, after you signed the document that
9 the State's Attorney presented to you on the third
10 night at 10:30 at night, were you released to
11 leave then?

12 A. No, I wasn't.

13 Q And did you spend that night at Area
14 #4?

15 A. Yes, I did.

16 Q And it was the following morning that
17 you went to the Grand Jury, correct?

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 Q And you got to the Grand Jury because
20 of a ride that was given you by the detective,
21 right?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q And before you went to the Grand Jury
24 that morning you talked to the detectives?

1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q And the detectives went over that
3 document with you before you went in the Grand
4 Jury?

5 A. No, they said something else.

6 Q I'm sorry?

7 A. They said something else. They ain't
8 say nothing about the document. They stated
9 that -- if I wouldn't go that my drug selling and
10 all that stuff they be locking my mother's foster
11 kids and stuff like that so I went ahead and left.

12 Q Okay.

13 MR. CONNIFF: I don't have anything else,
14 Judge.

15 THE COURT: Greg?

16 MR. WILSON: No questions.

17 THE COURT: Redirect?

18 MS. RAVIN: No questions.

19 THE COURT: Thank you, sir. You can step
20 down.

21 Who's next, State?

22 MS. RAVIN: I can present two stipulations.

23 THE COURT: Okay.

24 MS. RAVIN: If called to testify Assistant

1 State's Attorney Thomas Mahoney, T-h-o-m-a-s,
2 M-a-h-o-n-e-y, would testify that he was an
3 Assistant State's Attorney assigned to the Felony
4 Review Unit on May 29, 2000; that at 10:30 p.m. he
5 memorialized in a handwritten format a seven-page
6 statement memorializing an oral conversation that
7 he had had with Maurice Wright, who he would
8 identify from the photograph in People's Exhibit
9 No. 19-F as that photograph truly and accurately
10 depicting Maurice Wright when he talked to him on
11 that date and time; that that photograph was taken
12 at the -- contemporaneous to the handwritten
13 statement and that Maurice Wright did, in fact,
14 sign that photograph, People's Exhibit No. 19-F,
15 for identification.

16 He would be shown People's Exhibit
17 No. 18, for identification, and he would identify
18 that as truly and accurately and being in the same
19 or substantially the same condition as when he
20 memorialized that handwritten statement; that his
21 signature, Detective Tony Bryezniak, star number
22 224 of the Sheriff's Police Department also signed
23 all of the pages of that seven-page handwritten
24 statement, as did Maurice Wright, that each

1 signature of Maurice Wright on each and every one
2 of those seven pages, including the two on the
3 last page, page seven, were, in fact, Maurice
4 Wright's signatures, and that they were done in
5 front of him and Detective Bryezniak; that the
6 handwritten statement contains some changes that
7 were made by the witness and some changes that
8 were made by Tom Mahoney as they were reviewing
9 the statement; that after he memorialized the
10 handwritten statement they went back and reviewed
11 each and every page of that statement, him, the
12 detective and the witness, Maurice Wright; that
13 Maurice Wright read that first handwritten
14 paragraph of that handwritten statement out loud
15 and showed that he did, in fact, and could, in
16 fact, read and write English; that Assistant
17 State's Attorney Mahoney had a conversation with
18 Maurice Wright where no police officers were
19 present, and during that conversation Maurice
20 Wright never told him that anybody had threatened
21 him, or threatened his mother or anybody else, and
22 that nobody had promised him anything with respect
23 to that handwritten statement, and that everything
24 in that handwritten statement is based on the

1 conversation he had with Maurice Wright; that
2 everything was written in the presence of Maurice
3 Wright and that nothing was written down that
4 Maurice Wright hadn't said.

5 THE COURT: Does that conclude it?

6 MS. RAVIN: Yes -- That People's Exhibit
7 19-A, B, C, D and E, for identification, were all
8 shown -- they were all shown to Maurice Wright and
9 they were all identified in and part of that
10 handwritten statement, which is People's Exhibit
11 No. 18, for identification.

12 So stipulated?

13 MR. CONNIFF: Judge, we would stipulate that
14 if that witness were called to testify he would so
15 testify.

16 MR. WILSON: So stipulated, Judge.

17 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you.

18 Next stipulation.

19 MS. RAVIN: That if called to testify Luke
20 Sheridan, L-u-k-e, S-h-e-r-i-d-a-n, would testify
21 that on May 30, 2000, he was an Assistant State's
22 Attorney assigned to the Grand Jury Unit; that he
23 presented a witness by the name of Maurice Wright
24 to the Grand Jury and that he asked the questions

1 and that Maurice Wright gave the answers that are
2 contained within People's Exhibit No. 20, for
3 identification, which is a Grand Jury transcript
4 of the John Doe investigation relating to the
5 facts involved in this case.

6 He would identify all of the pages of
7 the Grand Jury transcript. It is thirteen pages
8 of questions and answers and one page of Annette,
9 Falkis, F-a-l-k-i-s, her certified accuracy as
10 part of that transcript.

11 He would identify the photograph in
12 People's Exhibit No. 19-F, for identification, as
13 the photograph of Maurice Wright who was the
14 witness he put on in front of the Grand Jury.

15 He would further identify People's
16 Exhibit No. 18, for identification, and People's
17 Exhibits 19-A through E, for identification as the
18 handwritten statement and the photographs that are
19 attached to that handwritten statement as -- in
20 the same or substantially the same condition as
21 when he showed them to the witness, Maurice
22 Wright, as he presented him to the Grand Jury on
23 May 30, 2000; that People's Exhibit No. 20, for
24 identification, that would be identified as truly

1 and accurately representing all of the questions
2 he asked and all of the answers that Maurice
3 Wright gave before the Grand Jury on that 30th day
4 of May, 2000.

5 So stipulated?

6 MR. CONNIFF: Judge, we would stipulate that
7 if that witness were called he would so testify.

8 MR. WILSON: So stipulated.

9 MS. RAVIN: We would ask that People's
10 Exhibits 18 and 20, that their identification
11 marks be stricken and they be made part of the
12 record and published to the Court.

13 THE COURT: Any objection, Mr. Conniff?

14 MR. CONNIFF: Judge, we would object to
15 their substantive admissibility. We have no
16 objection to it being used as impeachment. We
17 would object to it being admitted substantively.

18 THE COURT: Mr. Wilson?

19 MR. WILSON: We will join in that objection,
20 Judge.

21 THE COURT: State?

22 MS. RAVIN: Pursuant to the --

23 THE COURT: It's 115-10.

24 MS. RAVIN: That they be admitted because

1 while it is not -- it was not viewed by the
2 witness, he did testify under oath at the Grand
3 Jury of the third party admissions by Jovanie Long
4 and the admission by Xavier Walker, who was
5 present when Jovanie Long made those statements,
6 and Xavier Walker did not deny any of those facts,
7 that they be admitted pursuant to 115-10.1 as
8 substantive evidence.

9 THE COURT: Any response, Mr. Conniff?

10 MR. CONNIFF: No, Judge. We stand on the
11 objection.

12 MR. WILSON: We have nothing further, Judge.

13 MS. RAVIN: I believe if the witness
14 testifies under oath in court as to either the
15 making of this statement at that time it would be
16 admissible.

17 Judge, I believe that even though the
18 witness admits to some of the statements and
19 denies most of them, he does admit to signing the
20 handwritten statement and he does admit to
21 testifying in front of the Grand Jury. And the
22 stipulations that were just entered into were Luke
23 Sheridan's testimony and A.S.A. Mahoney's
24 testimony would then beget the publishing as

1 substantive evidence.

2 THE COURT: I have no question that 115-10
3 permits introduction of the statement, as well as
4 the Grand Jury testimony as substantive evidence,
5 but there is something -- You alluded to third
6 party admissions and one of the Defendants being
7 present?

8 MS. RAVIN: Correct.

9 THE COURT: And not responding?

10 MS. RAVIN: Correct.

11 THE COURT: What is it that you said?

12 MS. RAVIN: It's an admission by his not
13 denying the facts that were said in front of him
14 as him being a part of that -- of what happened,
15 that that is, in fact, an admission.

16 THE COURT: That's Mr. Walker?

17 MS. RAVIN: Correct. If you want me to
18 further elaborate I can.

19 THE COURT: No, no, no, no, no. I'm trying
20 to recall the testimony.

21 MR. CONNIFF: Judge, in addition to that I
22 believe there's reference in the handwritten
23 statement to a statement allegedly made by
24 Mr. Walker, which I don't think would be

1 admissible against Mr. Long.

2 THE COURT: State, I take it you are making
3 reference to the alleged conversation between
4 Mr. Long and Mr. Wright when they pull up in a
5 car?

6 MS. RAVIN: Correct. The -- Well, all of
7 it, but, yes, there is an initial conversation
8 where Xavier Walker says "That mother fucker just
9 shot another mother fucker." And then there is
10 another conversation later on where Jovanie Long
11 details everything that happened in front of
12 Xavier Walker, and it is an admission because at
13 that point in time were those facts not to be true
14 a reasonable person would deny that to have taken
15 place, which Mr. Walker did not do to Maurice
16 Wright. That is why it would be considered an
17 admission for both of those reasons.

18 THE COURT: All right. The Defendant's
19 objection is overruled. There is still -- Well,
20 that's all I'll say. The objection is overruled.

21 MS. RAVIN: All right. Thank you. We will
22 just ask that prior to the Court making any ruling
23 that the Court read through the handwritten
24 statement and the Grand Jury testimony, unless you

1 wish me to publish them right now.

2 THE COURT: Go right ahead, publish them.

3 MR. COLEMAN: "In regarding the John Doe
4 investigation, Grand Jury number 852, before the
5 Grand Jury of Cook County, May 2000.

6 Transcript of testimony taken in the
7 above-entitled matter on the 30th day of May, year
8 2000.

9 Present: Mr. Luke Sheridan, Assistant
10 State's Attorney.

11 Reported by Annette Falkis, certified
12 shorthand reporter.

13 List of witnesses: Maurice Wright.

14 The Foreperson: Would you raise your
15 right hand, please?

16 Witness duly sworn.

17 Mr. Sheridan: I am Assistant State's
18 Attorney Luke Sheridan of the Homicide Sex Unit.
19 I am appearing on Grand Jury number 852, which is
20 a John Doe investigation relating to the murder of
21 Marek Majdak, which occurred on May 13, the year
22 2000.

23 We are not seeking an Indictment at
24 this time.

1 At this time I ask leave to call
2 Maurice Wright.

3 The Grand Jury does have the right to
4 subpoena and question any person against whom the
5 State's Attorney is seeking a Bill of Indictment,
6 or any other person, and to obtain and examine any
7 documents or transcripts relevant to the matter
8 being prosecuted by the State's Attorney.

9 Maurice Wright, having been first duly
10 sworn was examined and testified as follows:

11 Examination by Mr. Sheridan:

12 Please state your name for the record.
13 That was the question.

14 Answer. Maurice Wright, last name
15 W-r-i-g-h-t.

16 Question. And how old are you?

17 Answer. I am twenty.

18 Question. And what is your date of
19 birth?

20 Answer. [REDACTED]

21 Question. Where do you live?

22 Answer. 4653 West Erie.

23 Question. Who do you live with
24 there -- or who do you live there with?

1 I'm sorry.

2 Answer. My mother and sister.

3 Question. What's your mother's name?

4 Answer. Mary Curry.

5 Question. And, Maurice, did you
6 graduate high school?

7 Answer. Yes.

8 Question. What high school was that?

9 Answer. Manley.

10 Question. I am going to direct your
11 attention to the early morning hours of May 13,
12 the year 2000, and I am going to ask you
13 specifically sometime between 1:30 and 2:00, were
14 you sitting in a car outside of a friend of yours,
15 Bubba's house?

16 Answer. Yes.

17 Question. And as you were sitting in
18 that car, did anybody drive up to you?

19 Answer. Yes.

20 Question. And at that time that the
21 vehicle drove up, did you know who was in the car?

22 Answer. No.

23 Question. Did anyone get out of the
24 car and approach you?

1 Answer. Yes.

2 Question. Did you see who that was?

3 Answer. Yes.

4 Question. Who was it?

5 Answer. Zay.

6 Question. Are you referring to Xavier?

7 Answer. Yes.

8 Question. Do you know Xavier's last

9 name?

10 Answer. No.

11 Question. Do you know his last name to

12 be Walker?

13 Answer. I am not sure.

14 Question. You are not sure?

15 Answer. Right.

16 Question. When Zay approached you was

17 he alone or was he -- or was anyone with him?

18 Answer. He was with Jovanie.

19 Question. And Jovanie, do you know

20 Jovanie's last name?

21 Answer. No.

22 Question. And does Jovanie go by any

23 other nicknames?

24 Answer. G-Man.

1 Question. Do you ever call him Vani?

2 Answer. Yes.

3 Question. So Vani would be a nickname
4 of his?

5 Answer. Yes.

6 Question. When Zay came up to your
7 car, did he open the car or how did he talk to
8 you?

9 Answer. He opened the car and woke me
10 up and said 'This crazy mother fucker just shot a
11 mother fucker'

12 Question. Was he pointing to anybody
13 when he said that?

14 Answer. Yes.

15 Question. Do you know who he was
16 referring to when he said that?

17 Answer. That's when Vani had pulled
18 him up and said 'Let me holler at my man.'

19 Question. So Zay came up to you and
20 started talking to you?

21 Answer. Yes.

22 Question. When Zay said 'This crazy
23 mother fucker just shot a mother fucker,' what did
24 Vani do?

1 Answer. Pulled him up out of the car.

2 Question. Out of what?

3 Answer. The car.

4 Question. Out of the car that you were
5 in?

6 Answer. Yes.

7 Question. What did Vani do after he
8 did that?

9 Answer. He showed --

10 I'm sorry. Strike that.

11 He said -- He showed me the money and
12 showed me a hundred and two fifties.

13 Question. Vani did that?

14 Answer. Yes.

15 Question. Did Vani say anything when
16 he showed you that?

17 Answer. He said 'Do you want some
18 money?'

19 Again an answer. I said 'No, you need
20 that shit to get out of town.'

21 Question. Why did you say that?

22 Answer. Because Zay had told me he had
23 already shot a person.

24 Question. After Vani and Zay came up

1 to you while you were in the Cutlass, did you
2 eventually leave with Vani and Zay?

3 Answer. Yes.

4 Question. And where did you and Vani
5 and Zay go to?

6 Answer. To my house.

7 Question. After getting to your house,
8 did you walk around the area?

9 Answer. Yes.

10 Question. And did you walk around the
11 area?

12 Answer. Yes. I walked from Erie to
13 Central to Ohio.

14 Question. Did you see anything unusual
15 when you were walking around the area?

16 Answer. I seen the police out there
17 and I seen some blood on the ground.

18 Question. Where did you see the
19 police?

20 Answer. On the right-hand side.

21 Question. Of what street?

22 Answer. Ohio.

23 Question. What were you thinking when
24 you saw the police and the blood there?

1 Answer. That is when I believed that
2 Jovanie was telling the truth.

3 Question. Now, when you walked around
4 the area, did you then go back to your house?

5 Answer. Yes.

6 Question. And did you fall asleep
7 then?

8 Answer. Yes.

9 Question. The next morning or later on
10 that morning, did you have an opportunity to wake
11 up?

12 Answer. They woke me up.

13 Question. Who woke you up when you say
14 'they'?

15 Answer. Vani woke me up.

16 Question. Was anyone with Vani when he
17 woke you up?

18 Answer. Zay.

19 Question. Where did you sleep at your
20 house?

21 Answer. In the back room and they
22 slept in the front that night.

23 Question. Was anyone else in your room
24 when Vani and Zay woke you up?

1 Answer. No, there wasn't.

2 Question. When Vani and Zay woke you
3 up, did you have a conversation with both of those
4 guys?

5 Answer. Just Vani had told me that we
6 had to walk down the train station, and we threw
7 the gun towards Chicago Avenue.

8 Question. When Vani was telling you,
9 was Zay present, as well?

10 Answer. Yes.

11 Question. Was he saying anything?

12 Answer. No.

13 Question. What was he doing?

14 Answer. Like he was stuck.

15 Question. Stuck?

16 Answer. Like he was just still, like
17 he couldn't say nothing out of his mouth.

18 Question. When Vani said that they had
19 walked down the railroad tracks, he said something
20 about walking down the railroad tracks?

21 Answer. Yes.

22 Question. What did he say?

23 Answer. He said he threw the gun
24 towards Chicago Avenue.

1 Question. And did Vani say who he was
2 with when he did this?

3 Answer. He said him and Zay was
4 together.

5 Question. Did Vani tell you anything
6 more as he related about the incident the night
7 before, the shooting?

8 Answer. Yes.

9 Question. What did Vani tell you?

10 Answer. He told me that him and the
11 white person, they was struggling over the money
12 and the white person had got out the driver's side
13 of his car and hit Vani.

14 Question. Did Vani say anything about
15 what he did after the white guy hit him?

16 Answer. He struck him back.

17 Question. And what did Vani tell you
18 next?

19 Answer. Then he said the person had
20 fell on the ground and that's when he had pulled
21 out the .45.

22 Question. That is when who did that?

23 Answer. Vani pulled out the .45 and
24 shot him in the head.

1 Question. Did he say why he shot the
2 white guy in the head?

3 Answer. No.

4 Question. Did he say what he was doing
5 in the first place with the white guy, why he was
6 with the white guy in the first place?

7 Answer. The white person wanted some
8 blows and heroin.

9 Question. What was Vani going to do
10 when the white guy asked for the blows?

11 Answer. Take the money.

12 Question. Did Vani tell you anything
13 about that?

14 Answer. No.

15 Question. He just told you what
16 happened afterwards?

17 Answer. Yes.

18 Question. After you had this
19 conversation with Vani at which point Zay was also
20 present, did those guys leave your house?

21 Answer. Zay went one way and Vani went
22 the other way. They had went to go get a pack of
23 some heroin.

24 Question. Have you seen Vani or Zay

1 since you talked to them after they woke you up
2 that morning?

3 Answer. No.

4 Question. Now, Maurice, you had a
5 chance to speak with an Assistant State's Attorney
6 previously before coming down and talking to me,
7 is that correct?

8 Answer. Yes.

9 Question. While you were at the police
10 station?

11 Answer. Yes..

12 Question. And that statement was
13 written down in writing, is that correct?

14 Answer. Yes.

15 Question. And you can read and write
16 English, is that correct?

17 Answer. Yes.

18 Question. I am going to show you
19 what's been marked as People's Exhibit No. 1, for
20 identification, do you recognize this document?

21 Answer. Yes.

22 Question. And what do you recognize it
23 to be?

24 Answer. To be when I was at the police

1 station around 11:30 and they was writing it down.

2 Question. There is the statement that
3 you -- I'm sorry. Strike that question.

4 There is the statement that they wrote
5 down?

6 Answer. Yes.

7 Question. Does this statement appear
8 to be in the statement condition as it was when it
9 was written down?

10 Answer. Yes.

11 Question. Does your signature appear
12 at the bottom of each page?

13 Answer. Yes.

14 Question. On each page does your
15 signature appear?

16 Answer. Yes.

17 Question. While you were at the police
18 station, did anyone threaten you or promise you
19 anything in return for this statement that was
20 given?

21 Answer. No.

22 Question. And how did the police and
23 State's Attorneys treat you while you were at the
24 police station?

1 Answer. They fed me good. I kept
2 cigarettes.

3 Question. Now, you came down here this
4 morning, is that correct?

5 Answer. Right.

6 Question. And you had an opportunity
7 to meet with me before you came here and testified
8 before the Grand Jury, is that correct?

9 Answer. Yes.

10 Question. Did I introduce myself to
11 you as a lawyer an State's Attorney but not your
12 lawyer?

13 Answer. Yes.

14 Question. And did I explain to you
15 what a State's Attorney did?

16 Answer. Yes.

17 Question. Since you have been down
18 here today, how have you been treated?

19 Answer. Fairly.

20 Question. Has anyone threatened you or
21 promised you anything in return for your testimony
22 before the ladies and gentlemen of the Grand Jury?

23 Answer. No.

24 Question. Are you under the influence

1 of any drugs or alcohol?

2 Answer. No.

3 Question. Were you under the influence
4 of any drugs or alcohol at the time that you gave
5 your statement at the police station?

6 Answer. No.

7 Witness excused."

8 MS. RAVIN: Publication of the handwritten
9 statement:

10 "Statement of Maurice Wright:

11 Taken May 29, 2000, at 10:30 p.m., at
12 Area 4, Violent Crimes, 3151 West Harrison.

13 Present, A.S.A. Thomas Mahoney,
14 Detective Tony Bryezniak, #224, Sheriff's Police.

15 This statement taken regarding the
16 robbery and fatal shooting of Marek Majdak,
17 M-a-j-d-a-k, which occurred on May 13, 2000, at
18 1:00 a.m. at 4721 West Ohio, Chicago, Illinois.

19 Page one of seven" is written in the
20 side and a pre-printed typed statement is crossed
21 out, which would be commonly called the Miranda
22 Warnings.

23 The handwritten statement begins:

24 "After being advised that Assistant

1 State's Attorney Thomas Mahoney is a lawyer and a
2 prosecutor and not his lawyer or Jovanie Long's
3 lawyer, Maurice Wright agreed to give the
4 following statement, which is a summary and not
5 word for word.

6 Maurice Wright states that he is twenty
7 years old and his birthday is July 15, 1979.

8 Maurice Wright states that he graduated
9 from Manley High School in Chicago.

10 Maurice Wright states that he can read
11 and write English.

12 Maurice Wright states that he lives at
13 4653 West Erie in Chicago with his mother, Mary
14 Curry, with his three brothers and three sisters.

15 Maurice Wright states that on May 11,
16 2000, he was at his house in the basement playing
17 007 video game with Jovanie Long, who he calls
18 Vani, Boss Hog, Shakey and two girls named Trina
19 and one girl whose name he doesn't know.

20 Maurice Wright states that they were in
21 his basement around 11:30 p.m. playing 007 video
22 game.

23 Maurice Wright states that he is a New
24 Breed gang member.

1 Maurice Wright states that Vani is a
2 member of the Imperial Insane Vicelords and Shakey
3 is a member of the Insane Imperial Vicelords or
4 Imperial Insane Vicelords.

5 Maurice Wright states that Exhibit A is
6 a photo of Jovanie Long or Vani and Exhibit B is a
7 photo of Shakey.

8 Maurice Wright states that while they
9 were playing video games there was a conversation
10 about how they used to shoot at other gangs and
11 get stars.

12 Maurice Wright states that Vicelords
13 get stars for killing other people.

14 Page three of seven:

15 Maurice Wright states that Shakey said
16 he had all five of his stars.

17 Maurice Wright states that Vani said he
18 didn't have any stars.

19 Maurice Wright states that when Vani
20 said this, everyone started to laugh at Vani.

21 Maurice Wright states that this made
22 Vani mad and Vani said 'Fuck y'all.'

23 Maurice Wright states that he left the
24 house to go to Melvin's house to look for some

1 weed.

2 Maurice Wright states that Vani and
3 Trina stayed at his house all night.

4 Maurice Wright states that he left his
5 house on and off on May 12, 2000, and saw his
6 friend, Bubba, on Superior and Kilpatrick.

7 Maurice Wright states that Bubba was
8 driving a gray Cutlass and there was a girl in the
9 car.

10 Maurice Wright states that they dropped
11 this girl off at Erie and Cicero and picked up
12 another girl at Erie and Cicero by a school.

13 Maurice Wright states that they drove
14 to Bubba's house just off Laramie.

15 Maurice Wright states --

16 page four of seven --

17 that he went into Bubba's house and had
18 sex with the girl.

19 Maurice Wright states that after he
20 finished having sex he told Bubba and Bubba told
21 him to wait in the car.

22 Maurice Wright states that he went back
23 to the gray Cutlass.

24 Maurice Wright states that he was in

1 the gray Cutlass at about 1:00 or 2:00 a.m. on May
2 13, 2000.

3 Maurice Wright states that Vani and Zay
4 pulled up in a dark Taurus.

5 Maurice Wright states that Zay said,
6 quote, 'This crazy mother fucker just shot a
7 mother fucker,' unquote.

8 Maurice Wright states that Vani pulled
9 Zay out of the car.

10 Maurice Wright states that Vani said,
11 quote, 'Guess what I got,' unquote, and Vani
12 showed him a \$100 and two \$50 bills.

13 Maurice Wright states Vani asked him if
14 he wanted any money, and Maurice told Vani he
15 needed that money to get out of town.

16 Maurice Wright states that Vani cried
17 and hugged him.

18 Maurice Wright states that him, Zay and
19 Vani --

20 page five of seven --

21 him, Zay and Vani got into the Taurus
22 and drove to Maurice Wright's house on Erie.

23 Maurice Wright states that Vani and Zay
24 stayed at his house and Maurice walked from his

1 house to Cicero and Ohio, where he saw police and
2 saw blood on the sidewalk.

3 Maurice Wright states that he walked
4 back home and went in the house and walked in the
5 house were Vani and Zay.

6 Maurice Wright states they all went to
7 sleep.

8 Maurice Wright states that Vani and Zay
9 woke him up around 11:00 a.m. on May 13, 2000.

10 Maurice Wright states that Vani told
11 him that he threw the gun down on railroad tracks
12 by Chicago Avenue.

13 Maurice Wright states that Vani told
14 him Zay was with him when he threw the gun on the
15 tracks.

16 Maurice Wright states that Vani told
17 him about the shooting of the white guy early in
18 the morning of May 13, 2000.

19 Maurice Wright states Vani said that
20 the white guy pulled in a van and asked for --

21 page six of seven --

22 'blows,' in quotes.

23 Maurice Wright states that 'blows,' in
24 quotes, is a street term for heroin.

1 Maurice Wright states that Vani told
2 him that Vani grabbed money out of the white guy's
3 hand.

4 Maurice Wright states Vani said he told
5 the white guy, quote, 'Fuck you, vic,' unquote.

6 Maurice Wright states that Vani told
7 him the white guy got out of the van and swung on
8 Vani.

9 Maurice Wright states that Vani told
10 him he punched the white guy and knocked him down.

11 Maurice Wright states that Vani told
12 him he pulled out a .45 automatic pistol and shot
13 the guy once in the head.

14 Maurice Wright states that Zay was
15 present for this entire conversation.

16 Maurice Wright states that Exhibit C is
17 a photo of Zay.

18 Maurice Wright states that he has been
19 treated well by the police and by Assistant
20 State's Attorney Mahoney.

21 Maurice Wright states that he smoked
22 cigarettes and used the washroom when he needed
23 to.

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1 Maurice Wright states that he slept
2 whenever he wanted to while he has been at the
3 police station.

4 Maurice Wright states that he has been
5 given food to eat and pop to drink at the police
6 station.

7 Maurice Wright states that nobody
8 promised --

9 page seven of seven --

10 him anything in exchange for this
11 statement and he is giving this statement
12 voluntarily.

13 Maurice Wright states that nobody
14 threatened him or abused him in any way.

15 Maurice Wright states that he is free
16 from the effects of drugs and alcohol.

17 Maurice Wright states Exhibit D is a
18 photo of Shakey and Exhibit E is a photo of Boss
19 Hog.

20 Maurice Wright states that he read --
21 he can read and write English and demonstrated
22 this by reading the first paragraph of page one
23 aloud to A.S.A. Mahoney.

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1 Maurice Wright states that A.S.A.
2 Mahoney then read the rest of this seven-page
3 statement aloud to him.

4 Maurice Wright states that he signed
5 each page and A.S.A. Mahoney and Detective
6 Bryezniak signed each page.

7 Maurice Wright states that he made any
8 changes and corrections that he wanted to make."

9 That would conclude the publishing of
10 the handwritten statement.

11 Judge, before I put on my last witness
12 for the day, can I have a few-minute break?

13 THE COURT: Sure.

14 (Whereupon a brief recess was
15 held, after which the following
16 proceedings were had, to-wit:)

17 MR. COLEMAN: Your Honor, the People will
18 call Detective Pietryla.

19 (Whereupon Detective Michael
20 Pietryla was first duly sworn.)

21 THE COURT: Go ahead.

22 MR. COLEMAN: Thank you.

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1 DETECTIVE MICHAEL PIETRYLA,
2 called as a witness on behalf of the People of the
3 State of Illinois, having been first duly sworn,
4 was examined and testified as follows:

5 DIRECT EXAMINATION

6 BY

7 MR. COLEMAN:

8 Q Detective, I would ask you state your
9 full name spelling your last name, star number and
10 unit of assignment.

11 A. Detective Michael Pietryla,
12 P-i-e-t-r-y-l-a, #21209.

13 Q And where are you assigned at this
14 time, Detective?

15 A. Area #4, Homicide.

16 Q I'm going to direct your attention to
17 May 19th of the year 2000, where were you assigned
18 on that day?

19 A. Area #4, Homicide.

20 Q Did you receive an assignment regarding
21 a homicide?

22 A. Yes, I did.

23 Q What was that assignment?

24 A. Follow-up investigation of the homicide

1 of Marek Majdak.

2 Q As a result of that, what did you do,
3 if anything, on May 19th of 2000?

4 A. We traced the victim's movements for
5 the day from the time he left his home, conducted
6 interviews with co-workers and we found out that
7 he left work and went to several bars. And we
8 conducted interviews of waitresses and bartenders
9 there.

10 Q Detective, on May 22nd and May 23rd of
11 the year 2000, did you continue your investigation
12 of the homicide of Marek Majdak?

13 A. Yes, I did.

14 Q And what steps did you take regarding
15 that on those dates?

16 A. I believe we went back and we
17 interviewed the family of the victim to verify
18 what time he left from work, what time he usually
19 came home.

20 Q And during your investigation you were
21 working with other detectives that were assigned
22 to Area #4, Violent Crimes, is that correct?

23 A. That's correct.

24 Q And during the course of your

1 investigation, did the name of Yvette Hill come
2 up?

3 A. Yes, it did.

4 Q Were there any other names that came
5 up?

6 A. Yes. Yvette Anderson.

7 Q And as a result of those names coming
8 up, what, if anything, did you do, Detective?

9 A. We had information that they are known
10 prostitutes from the area of Cicero --

11 MR. CONNIFF: Judge, there would be an
12 objection on hearsay.

13 THE COURT: Sustained.

14 MR. COLEMAN:

15 Q Based on the information you received,
16 what did you do, Detective?

17 A. We contacted Yvette Hill and Yvette
18 Anderson.

19 Q And did you speak to both of those
20 individuals?

21 A. Yes, we did.

22 Q And as a result of that, what did you
23 do next?

24 A. We were given the name of --

1 MR. CONNIFF: Objection. Hearsay.

2 THE COURT: I'll reserve ruling. It may
3 qualify as course of police conduct.

4 MR. COLEMAN:

5 Q What did you do after you spoke to
6 Yvette Anderson an Yvette Hill?

7 A. We were given the name of Red and
8 Darnell as possible offenders in this homicide.

9 Q And as a result of that, did you
10 investigate those names?

11 A. Yes. We ran the names through our
12 nickname files and came up with about a thousand
13 hits on each name.

14 Q And with that thousand did you continue
15 to investigate those?

16 A. Yes, we did.

17 Q What did you do?

18 A. We tried to narrow down the scope for
19 the location of where the murder occurred for
20 possible persons named Red and Darnell.

21 Q And what was the result?

22 A. We continued to do that, and we went
23 back to the location of Cicero to talk to some
24 more street whores to see if they knew who Red and

1 Darnell was.

2 Q Did that turn up anything?

3 A. One of the street whores on Cicero had
4 told Detective Sanders that she knew -- had some
5 information --

6 MR. WILSON: Objection.

7 MR. CONNIFF: Judge, objection. Hearsay.

8 MR. WILSON: Hearsay.

9 THE COURT: Sustained.

10 MR. COLEMAN:

11 Q After you talked to these prostitutes
12 on Cicero, what did you do after that, Detective?

13 A. We were -- We continued the
14 investigation and we were given information that a
15 possible girlfriend of one of the offenders, her
16 name and her address.

17 Q Okay. And was that on approximately
18 May 25th of 2000?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q And what was the name of the
21 individual?

22 A. Hershula Byrd.

23 Q And did she have any relationship to
24 either of these Defendants?

1 A. Yes, she did.

2 Q What was the relationship?

3 A. She was the girlfriend of Jovanie Long.

4 MR. CONNIFF: Judge, again, I object and
5 move to strike all of the substantive. This is
6 all hearsay.

7 THE COURT: Sustained. It will be stricken.

8 MR. COLEMAN:

9 Q As a result of your conversation with
10 Hershula, H-e-r-s-h-u-l-a, Byrd, B-y-r-d, did you
11 receive some information from her, without telling
12 what you received?

13 A. Yes, we did.

14 Q As a result of that, did you learn any
15 names, without saying the names?

16 A. Yes, we did.

17 Q As a result of that information on
18 May 28th of the year 2000, what was done as part
19 of the investigation?

20 A. We had received information that one of
21 the --

22 MR. CONNIFF: Objection. Hearsay.

23 MR. COLEMAN:

24 Q Without saying what the information

1 was, what did you do as a result of the
2 information?

3 A. We proceeded to an address on West
4 Potomac.

5 Q And was that 5431 West Potomac?

6 A. Yes, it was.

7 Q And when you went there, who were you
8 looking for?

9 A. We were looking for Xavier Walker.

10 Q Who did you go to that address with?

11 A. Detective Bryezniak, Detective Sanders
12 and Detective Wright.

13 Q When you arrived at that address please
14 tell the Court what happened.

15 A. When we arrived at the address we had
16 seen Xavier Wright walking down the stairs of that
17 address --

18 Q Xavier Walker?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q Do you see the person in court here
21 today that you refer to as Xavier Walker?

22 A. Yes, I do.

23 Q Can you please point to him and
24 describe an article of clothing?

1 A. He is wearing the Cook County outfit
2 with the white gym shoes sitting right next to the
3 black gentlemen (indicating).

4 MR. COLEMAN: May the record reflect the
5 in-court identification of the Defendant, Walker?

6 THE COURT: It shall.

7 MR. COLEMAN:

8 Q Once you saw Defendant, Walker, what
9 did you see him doing?

10 A. He was walking down the stairs of the
11 residence. We announced that we were the police.
12 He started to run.

13 Q What did he do?

14 A. He ran.

15 Q And which direction did he run?

16 A. I think he ran northbound.

17 Q And what happened then?

18 A. Detective Wright was at the end of the
19 block, and as Walker got close Wright grabbed him
20 and handcuffed him.

21 Q After he was handcuffed what did you do
22 next, Detective?

23 A. We took him and placed him in the back
24 of our unmarked car, and I advised him of his

1 rights.

2 Q You stated that you advised the
3 Defendant, Walker, of his rights?

4 A. Correct.

5 Q And how did you do that?

6 A. From my F.O.P. handbook.

7 Q That's the Fraternal Order of Police
8 handbook?

9 A. Yes, it is.

10 Q And on the last page of that book there
11 are pre-printed Miranda Rights, is that correct?

12 A. That's correct.

13 Q And that's what you read to the
14 Defendant?

15 A. That's correct.

16 Q And could you just demonstrate briefly
17 to the Court how you read those rights to the
18 Defendant?

19 A. Individually, one at a time.

20 Q And after you read each right to the
21 Defendant, did you ask the Defendant if he
22 understood that right?

23 A. Yes, I did.

24 Q And what did he reply?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q And did he reply that to each and every
3 right that you read to him?

4 A. That's correct.

5 Q After you read the Defendant his
6 Miranda Rights, was he then transported to
7 Area #4?

8 A. Yes, he was.

9 Q Once you got to Area #4, where was the
10 Defendant brought?

11 A. He was placed in an interview room.

12 Q And when he was placed in the interview
13 room, was he continued to be handcuffed?

14 A. No, he was not.

15 Q Once you got in that room tell the
16 Court what happened.

17 A. We again advised him of his rights from
18 the Fraternal Order of Police handbook --

19 Q Is that similar to the way that you
20 testified to previously how you did it?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q And after you did so did you ask him if
23 he wished to waive his rights?

24 A. Yes, we did.

1 Q What did the Defendant state?

2 A. He said he would.

3 Q After the Defendant, Walker, agreed to
4 waive his rights, what occurred, Detective?

5 A. I explained to him that he was
6 implicated along with Jovanie Long in the murder.

7 Q And specifically did you tell him some
8 information that you had received during the
9 course of your investigation?

10 A. Yes, I did.

11 Q And what did you say to the Defendant?

12 A. I told him that we had handwritten
13 statements by witnesses implicating him and
14 Jovanie, and then I read portions of it to him.

15 Q And after you showed to the Defendant
16 these handwritten statements and read portions to
17 him, what, if anything, happened then?

18 A. I asked him if he had a response.

19 Q What did he reply?

20 A. He said "Yes."

21 Q What did he say?

22 A. He said he wanted to tell us his story
23 of it.

24 MR. CONNIFF: Objection. Hearsay as to

1 Jovanie Long. I believe there is a severance.

2 THE COURT: State?

3 MS. RAVIN: Judge, we are not asking to
4 admit the Co-Defendant's statement against the
5 Co-Defendant. It's --

6 THE COURT: As to Mr. Walker?

7 MR. COLEMAN: Correct, Judge.

8 MS. RAVIN: Yes.

9 THE COURT: Go right ahead.

10 MR. COLEMAN:

11 Q What, if anything, did the Defendant,
12 Walker, say to you at that time?

13 A. He said he would like to tell us his
14 side of the story.

15 Q And did he, in fact, give you a
16 statement at that time?

17 A. Yes, he did.

18 Q And could you please tell the Court
19 what, if anything, he told you?

20 A. He basically implicated himself in the
21 murder.

22 Q And could you tell us how so?

23 A. Sure. He had told us that he and
24 Jovanie were out drinking and smoking, and they

1 ran out of smoke and alcohol and they decided to
2 go hit a lick, which means they are going to sell
3 some fake dope and try to snatch the money from
4 the people and run.

5 Q And did they say that they came upon an
6 individual?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q And what did they tell you?

9 A. They told me that -- He told me that a
10 dark bluish van came down Ohio between Cicero and
11 Kilpatrick and Jovanie approached the van.

12 Q And what did he tell you next?

13 A. He said he seen Jovanie enter from the
14 passenger side of the van, get in the vehicle, and
15 he approached about fifteen, twenty feet away by
16 the alleyway there and was watching for the
17 police.

18 Q And what did he tell you then?

19 A. He said he heard some noise coming from
20 the van, and he looked at the van and he seen
21 Jovanie struggling with the victim, and he was
22 going to run over there to give him some help.

23 Q And what did he tell you after that?

24 A. He said he stopped because the driver's

1 door opened and he seen Jovanie point the gun at
2 the victim and shoot him.

3 Q Now, after Defendant, Walker, gave you
4 this statement, what did you do next, Detective?

5 A. Contacted the State's Attorney's Office
6 for Felony Review.

7 Q And at approximately 10:00 that
8 evening, did someone from the Felony Review Unit
9 of the State's Attorney's Office arrive?

10 A. Yes. I believe it was A.S.A. Leafblad.

11 Q And was a videotaped statement
12 eventually taken regarding Defendant, Walker's
13 statement that he gave to you?

14 A. Yes, it was.

15 Q Now, Detective, I'm going to direct
16 your attention to June 5th of the year 2000, were
17 you still investigating the homicide of Marek
18 Majdak?

19 A. Yes, I was.

20 Q And specifically was this regarding
21 Defendant, Jovanie Long?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q And on that date did you have an
24 opportunity to speak to anyone?

1 A. Yes, I did.

2 Q And who did you speak to?

3 A. His mother.

4 Q Now, I'm going to direct your attention
5 to July 25th of the year 2000, did you have an
6 opportunity to go to the address of 4230 West
7 Crystal?

8 A. Yes, I did.

9 Q And why did you go there?

10 A. We went there to meet with Regina Long,
11 and we asked her for identification just to make
12 sure that it was his mom --

13 THE COURT: I'm sorry?

14 THE WITNESS: Just to make sure it was his
15 mother we asked for identification from her.

16 MR. COLEMAN:

17 Q When you say "his mother," who are you
18 referring to?

19 A. Jovanie Long. Because previous to that
20 we were just talking to her on the phone. We told
21 her why we were there --

22 MR. CONNIFF: Objection to hearsay as to the
23 conversation, substance of the conversation,
24 Judge.

1 THE COURT: We haven't heard it.

2 MR. CONNIFF: Just based on what's gone
3 previously, I suspect that's what's coming next.

4 MR. COLEMAN: Judge, he hasn't testified to
5 what she has stated.

6 THE COURT: I haven't heard it. The
7 objection is noted.

8 Go on.

9 MR. COLEMAN:

10 Q Continue, Detective.

11 A. We had informed her why we were there,
12 and that we needed to contact Jovanie and that a
13 stop order had been issued by us, Chicago Police
14 Department, for him in questioning for this
15 murder.

16 Q Now, Detective, I'm going to direct
17 your attention to July 28, 2000, did you receive a
18 phone call at Area #4, Violent Crimes?

19 A. Yes, I did.

20 Q Did that person identify themselves?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q Who did that person identify themselves
23 as?

24 A. Regina Long.

1 Q Now, Detective, on August 3, 2000,
2 approximately 7:00 p.m., did you receive another
3 phone call?

4 A. Yes, I did.

5 Q Who was that phone call from?

6 A. From Regina Long.

7 Q And, again, she identified herself, is
8 that correct?

9 A. That's correct.

10 Q Now, finally, Detective, on August 4,
11 2000, at approximately 11:45 a.m. were you at
12 Area #4, Violent Crimes?

13 A. Yes, I was.

14 Q And while you were there, did the
15 Defendant, Long, come to Area #4, Violent Crimes?

16 A. Yes, he did.

17 Q Was he in the company of anyone?

18 A. He was in the company of his mother,
19 Regina Long, and Reverend -- I don't recall his
20 last name.

21 Q But it was a reverend?

22 A. A clergyman, yes.

23 Q And after he arrived there, were you
24 present when the Defendant was advised of his

1 Miranda Rights?

2 A. Yes, I was.

3 Q And was that in front of anyone?

4 A. Yes, it was.

5 Q Who was it in front of?

6 A. In front of the clergyman, the
7 reverend.

8 Q And did the Defendant, Long, at that
9 time waive his Miranda Rights?

10 A. Yes, he did.

11 Q After he waived them was he told
12 anything, Detective?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q What was Defendant, Long, told?

15 A. He was told that he was implicated in
16 the murder of Marek Majdak.

17 Q Now, Detective, I'm he going to ask
18 you, those other detectives that you were working
19 with and you traded the investigation back and
20 forth, who were those two detectives?

21 A. Detective Sanders and Detective Wright.

22 Q Were there other detectives involved in
23 the case?

24 A. Yes.

1 Q And what were their names?

2 A. Detective Cruz, Detective Wolverton,
3 Detective Bryezniak, Detective Riordan.

4 Q Did Detectives Wright and Sanders, did
5 they handle any part of the investigation that
6 dealt with Maurice Wright?

7 A. No.

8 MR. COLEMAN: Could I just have one moment,
9 Judge?

10 THE COURT: Sure.

11 MR. COLEMAN:

12 Q Now, Cruz and Wolverton, are those two
13 detectives African American?

14 A. No, they are not.

15 Q But Wright and Sanders are African
16 American?

17 A. Yes, they are.

18 Q And those two individuals never had any
19 contact with Mr. Wright, is that correct?

20 A. That's correct.

21 THE COURT: With who?

22 MR. COLEMAN: Maurice Wright, Judge.

23 THE COURT: Okay.

24

1 MR. COLEMAN:

2 Q Wolverton and Cruz were the two
3 individuals that traded the investigation
4 regarding Maurice Wright with you, is that
5 correct?

6 A. That's correct.

7 MR. COLEMAN: Nothing further, Judge.

8 THE COURT: You want to start?

9 MR. WILSON: Yeah, I'll start, Judge.

10 THE COURT: Go right ahead.

11 CROSS EXAMINATION

12 BY

13 MR. WILSON:

14 Q Good afternoon, Detective.

15 A. Good afternoon.

16 Q Now, Detective, as I understand things
17 based on information that you had received you
18 went to 5431 West Potomac on May 28, 2000, looking
19 for Xavier Walker, is that correct?

20 A. That's correct.

21 Q And I believe you said that you saw him
22 coming down the front stairs of the building at
23 5431 West Potomac?

24 A. That's correct.

1 Q Are there any gates surrounding this
2 property -- any fences surrounding this property,
3 Detective?

4 A. I don't recall.

5 Q And the stairs were in the front
6 portion of the building?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q Is Potomac a one-way or two-way street,
9 to your knowledge?

10 A. I don't know.

11 Q Now, you stated that Walker told you
12 that he and Jovanie had decided that they were
13 going to hit a lick because they had ran out of
14 money for weed and alcohol, correct?

15 A. Correct.

16 Q And so they then went to this location
17 to hit this lick and a van pulled up; did Walker
18 tell you whether or not he directed this van in
19 any direction at all?

20 A. No, he did not.

21 Q In fact, he said nothing about having
22 any contact with the van, is that correct?

23 A. No, he did not.

24 Q And I believe you indicated that he was

1 some fifteen feet away from the van when he saw
2 the passenger door fly open, is that correct?

3 A. Driver's.

4 Q The driver's door fly open?

5 A. Correct.

6 Q And he proceeded to approach the
7 vehicle from that distance but stopped because of
8 what he then saw?

9 A. That's correct.

10 Q Now, on May 28th, once Walker was
11 apprehended, he was taken into custody by yourself
12 and your fellow officers, is that correct?

13 A. That's correct.

14 Q And he was then removed to Area #4?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q And at some point he gave a statement
17 to yourself, is that correct?

18 A. To myself and Detective Sanders, yes.

19 Q How long had he been at Area #4 before
20 he gave this statement to yourself and Detective
21 Sanders?

22 A. Oh, I would say approximately an hour.

23 Q Only an hour?

24 A. Uh-huh.

1 Q And he subsequently gave a videotaped
2 statement also, is that correct?

3 A. That's correct.

4 Q And when was that videotaped statement
5 given?

6 A. I don't recall.

7 Q Were you assisting in that videotape?

8 A. Yes, I was.

9 MR. WILSON: I have nothing further.

10 MR. BRICE: If I may, Judge?

11 THE COURT: Yes, go right ahead.

12 CROSS EXAMINATION

13 BY

14 MR. BRICE:

15 Q Good afternoon, Detective.

16 A. Good afternoon.

17 Q How are you, sir?

18 A. I'm fine. How are you?

19 Q Good. I believe you testified on
20 direct that early in your investigation you were
21 looking for nicknames, right, Red and Darnell?

22 A. That's correct.

23 Q And one of the people that you --
24 Strike that.

1 You had occasion to be interested in a
2 Yvette Hill?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q Okay. And it was your understanding
5 she was employed as a prostitute?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q Did you ever, in the course of your
8 investigation, have a chance to physically meet
9 her?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q And you learned -- Prior to that
12 meeting you had taken steps to get photographs of
13 her?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q And you noticed that she had a tattoo
16 on her person that said "Red"?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q Did you ever learn who that person was?

19 A. No, I did not.

20 MR. BRICE: Nothing further. Thank you,
21 sir.

22 THE COURT: Redirect?

23 MR. COLEMAN: Nothing further, Judge.

24 THE COURT: You may step down.

1 MS. RAVIN: That concludes our witnesses for
2 today. We would just ask this be commenced and
3 continued to April 8th.

4 If I do not have an assurance that I
5 can get Deshontae Wright here, when I come into
6 court on April 8th we will put on our stipulations
7 and we will rest on April 8th.

8 If I can get her here on April 8th, we
9 will put her on. And if there is some way that I
10 know she will be here, but for some reason can't
11 come on April 8th I will make those
12 representations to the Court at that time.

13 THE COURT: Okay. Good enough. This matter
14 is commenced and continued to 4/8.

15 (Whereupon the above-entitled
16 matter was continued to 4/8/04.)

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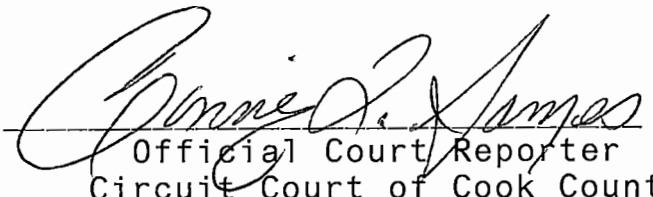
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